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### Rise to No. 1



Martin Kaymer, of Germany, reacts after missing a putt on the 18th hole to force a playoff against Justin Rose during the second round of the Match Play Championship golf tournament Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, in Marana, Ariz. See *Aruba Today Sports*

## UP FRONT



The German defense minister, Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, with German soldiers in March 2010.

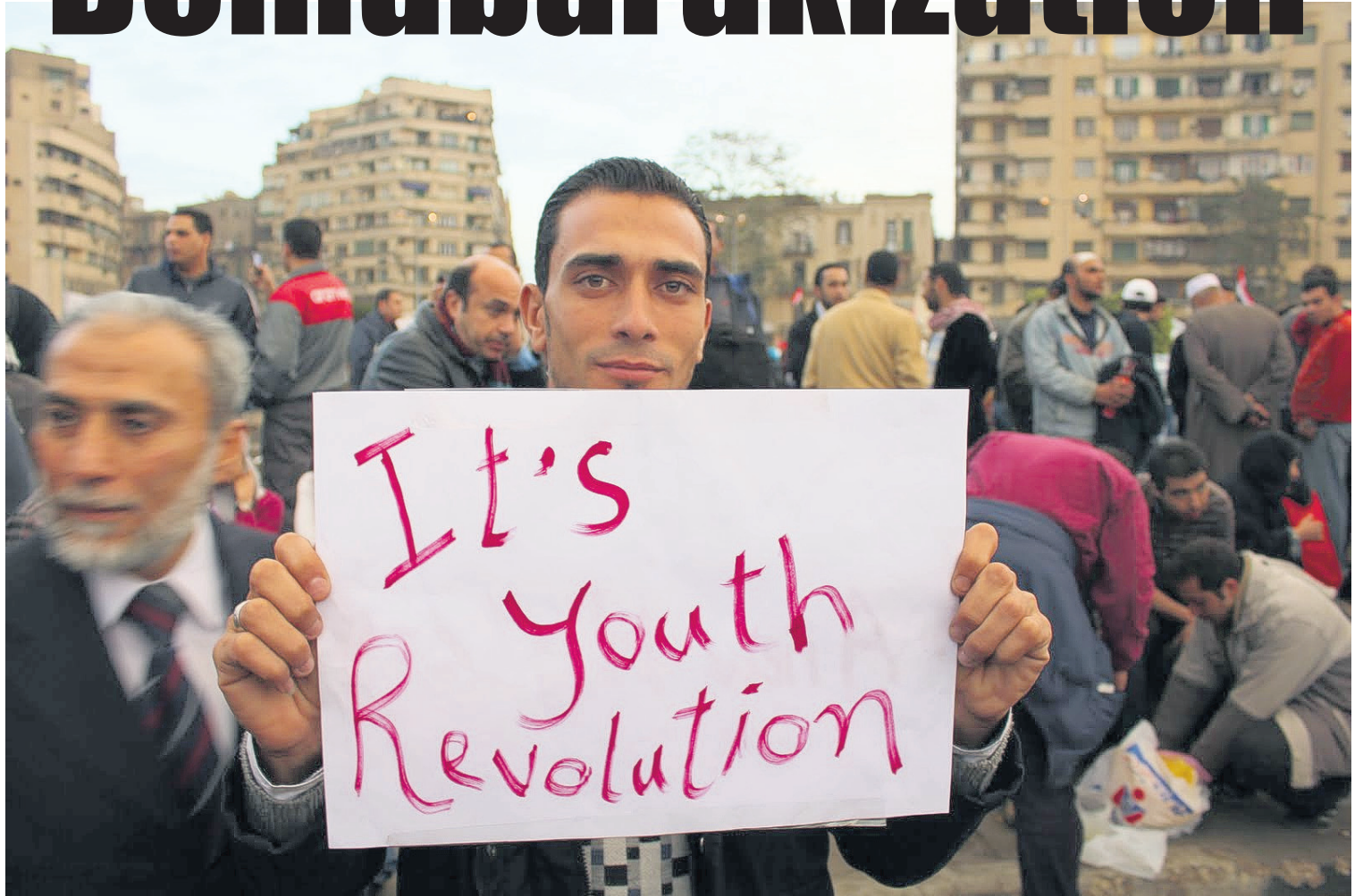
### Plagiarism costs Minister his job

By JUDY DEMPSEY  
NEW YORK TIMES

BERLIN—In a bitter political setback for Chancellor Angela Merkel, Germany's defense minister resigned Tuesday under pressure over his admission that he had plagiarized parts of his doctoral dissertation.

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# 'Demubarakization'



## "Martyrs of the Revolution of the 25th"

Mohamed El Dahshan  
NEW YORK TIMES

CAIRO — The former president of Egypt was not the statue-building kind, or else we'd have already seen a few Baghdad-like images of marble icons being brought down by jubilant masses after his abdication on February 11. (Come to think of it, I wish we had a few statues to bring down.) But after three decades of rule, and with a particularly auspicious name — Mubarak means "blessed" — the number of buildings, roads and projects named after him is impressive; and as Egyptian society is endeavor-

ing to repair the damage of his corrupt regime, it's a different task altogether cleaning up the expressions of the blessed one's megalomania. For instance, the subway station underneath Ramses Square, Cairo's most important transportation hub and home to the capital's train station, is actually — and confusingly — named after the ex-president. There's the Mubarak "axis" (a highway) and the Mubarak Bridge. There's at least one Mubarak street in every city in Egypt. There's a Mubarak Educational City in the suburb city of the 6th of October, and a Mubarak City for Sci-

ence and Technology in the Mediterranean city of Burg El Arab, whose stadium is also called the Mubarak Stadium. And according to the Ministry of Education, there are 388 "Hosni Mubarak" schools, 160 named after his wife Suzanne — and one named after his son (and former president-to-be) Gamal Mubarak. There's a Mubarak portrait in every government building, and in virtually every single classroom, public or private. But in the few days following Mubarak's abdication, overjoyed citizens started taking down what was left of the

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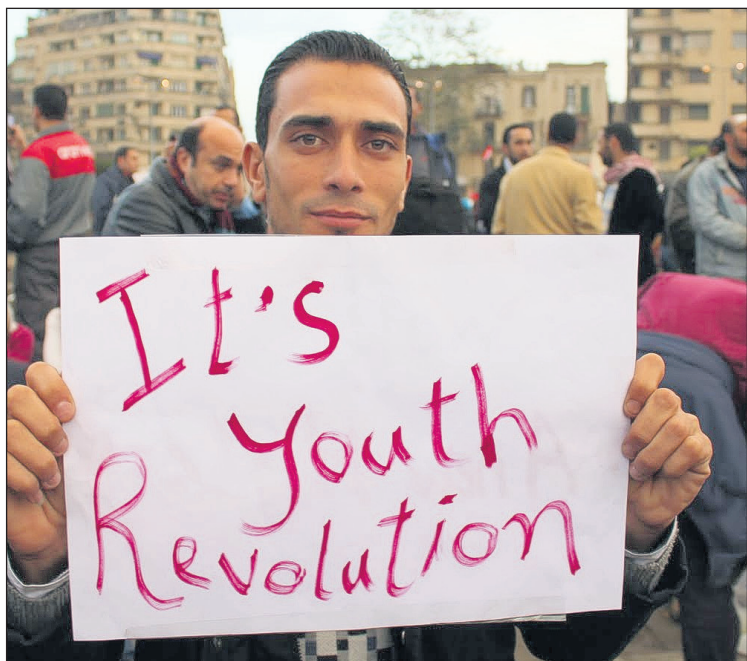
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Mubarak posters and banners.

Posters and billboards with Mubarak's portraits bore the ire of the demonstrators who would, at times, make impres-

sive human ladders to reach a 10-meter high billboard. In one instance, a demonstrator on his friend's shoulders grabbed the edge of one N.D.P. poster bearing Mubarak's image and ripped it vertically across the nose of the ex-pres-

ident to the joy of the overexcited crowd, which promptly showered the neon bulbs that illuminated the portrait from behind with stones, as if to extinguish the very thought of him.

State employees, too, took to cleansing public offices and libraries from the former first family's official traces. In the coastal city of Matrouh, the municipality was officially cleared of Mubarak's portraits on Feb. 12, but it took a few days for most government offices to follow. Even the Military Academy removed the giant picture of Mubarak on its façade. The Mubarak Police Academy still maintains its name but already some are demanding it be renamed the "Khaled Said Police Academy," after the young Alexandrian man killed by the police last year and whose death helped galvanize

the Egyptian movement.

The Suzanne Mubarak Specialized Hospital is being rechristened as the "Red Crescent Hospital" upon decision of the board of directors. Apparently, neither was Gamal Mubarak's face an acceptable sight, and at the end of Egypt's first Mubarak-free week, reports came from Alexandria that every single poster — and there were many — depicting the younger Mubarak had been torn off by protesters.

Street names are also following suit. In the main southern city of Minya, the municipality itself has changed the name of the Suzanne Mubarak Square to Martyrs' Square, "following the popular wishes of the citizens of the state"

said Governor Ahmed Diaa El Din.

But my favorite Mubarak-cleaning operation was a guerrilla op — demonstrators printed signs the size and color of the subway station signs and posted them over the Mubarak station sign. The sign now reads "Martyrs of the January 25th revolution." Given the current ruling situation, "demubaraking" not just public spaces, but the government, including the removal of all the regime's henchmen, will take longer than we've been hoping.

But citizens are doing their part to overcome the days of their dictator. "Martyrs' Station" is already catching up with commuters.

Mohamed El Dahshan is an economist and writer. □



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ute. "She has really disgraced herself," Mr. Oppermann said.

At first, Mr. Guttenberg dismissed the allegations that he had lifted other scholars' texts as "fanciful." But the pressure on him only grew. Last week in the Bundestag, or Parliament, Mr. Guttenberg admitted that he had made mistakes when writing the dissertation, losing sight of sourcing on two passages. Having said earlier that he would no longer use the title of doctor, he announced that he would renounce it completely.

The University of Bayreuth, which conferred the doctorate in 2007, revoked Mr. Guttenberg's academic title, saying he had "seriously violated" the institution's standards. Conservatives had hoped that his apology would quell the controversy, but last weekend more than 20,000 scholars from Germany and other parts of Europe sent an open letter to the Chancellery saying that Mrs. Merkel's continuing support of Mr. Guttenberg was a "mockery" of all those who "contribute to scientific advancement in an honest manner." □

One of the country's most popular politicians, the minister, Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, 39, had faced mounting criticism from academics and his own conservative party. Resigning was the "most painful step of my life," he told reporters in the Defense Ministry in Berlin. "I was always ready to fight, but have to admit I have reached the limit." At a news conference later, Mrs. Merkel said she greatly regretted Mr. Guttenberg's resignation, which she said she had accepted "with a heavy heart," adding that she understood "his personal decision."

It was not immediately clear who would succeed him.

Mr. Guttenberg has been a leading member of the Bavarian-based Christian Social Union, the sister party

of Mrs. Merkel's Christian Democratic Union. He had been expected to play a major role in six important regional elections this year.

Even after the scandal broke a month ago, Mrs. Merkel was expecting him to hit the campaign trail to help the party recover from a rout 10 days ago in elections in Hamburg. Conservative lawmakers shrugged off the resignation, even playing down his absence in the coming campaigns. Some said that he would eventually be back in politics.

However, Thomas Oppermann, defense expert for the opposition Social Democrats, said Mr. Guttenberg's resignation was "long overdue." He criticized Mrs. Merkel for continuing to support Mr. Guttenberg until the last min-

## Florida roads re-open

### Brush fire still threaten I-95



**Brevard County, home of Kennedy Space Center, remains under a state of emergency.**

ORLANDO, Fla - A nearly 30-mile stretch of Interstate 95 in eastern Florida, closed since Monday due to a spreading brush fire, re-opened shortly after 9 a.m. according to the Brevard County emergency management center.

A portion of U.S. 1 in Brevard County which had been closed also re-opened, emergency officials reported.

But Brevard County, home of Kennedy Space Center, remains under a state of emergency due to a 10,000 acre brush fire threatening homes and reducing visibility on the roads.

One mobile home and two hunting camps have been destroyed, 200-300 homes are threatened and the county has been placed under a voluntary evacuation, according to Brevard County firefighters.

"The conditions were very ripe due to all of the freezes that came through (this winter)," one firefighter told reporters in a briefing. "The vegetation on top of the ground was dead and already dry."

The fire, which erupted west of I-95 shortly before noon on Monday, spread east and as far north as New Smyrna Beach area of Volusia County, firefighters reported.

They hope heavy rains moving mid-morning from Orlando toward the fire will help them gain control over the blaze. □



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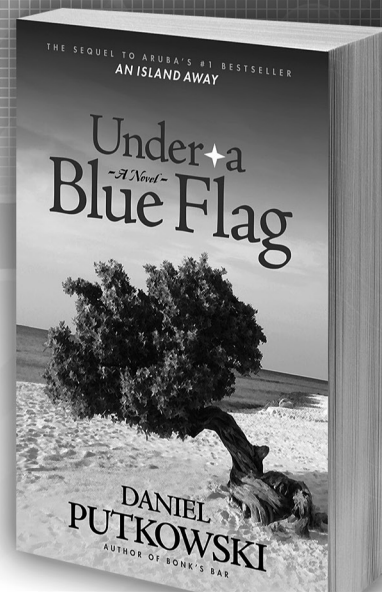


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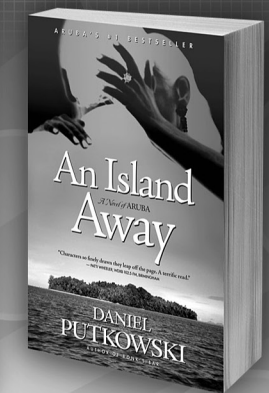
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## Nearly 700 arrested in anti-drug gang operation: ICE

WASHINGTON -- Law enforcement agencies arrested nearly 700 gang members and associates from December through February during an anti-drug trafficking operation dubbed Project Southern Tempest, Immigration and Customs Enforcement said. ICE said those arrested came from 133 different gangs and the operation was executed in 168 American cities.



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Through such operations ICE "will continue to disrupt and dismantle these transnational gangs and rid our streets not only of drug dealers, but the violence associated with the

drug trade," ICE Director John Morton said in a statement.

The transnational street gangs

targeted by the operation were also associated with human and weapons smuggling and trafficking, among other

crimes, ICE said.

In addition to the arrests, agents seized 86 firearms, eight pounds of methamphetamine, 30 pounds of marijuana,

one pound of cocaine, and more than \$70,000.

The majority of those arrested were foreign nationals, from 24 countries. □

### In Michigan

## Man pleads guilty to duping moms

DETROIT — In real life, Steven Demink didn't have children, a college degree or a lasting career. Online, prosecutors say, he presented himself as Dalton St. Clair, an attractive single father and psychologist — a fantasy image authorities say the Michigan man used to persuade mothers across the country to commit unspeakable acts on their children. Demink, 41, of Redford Township, preyed on single mothers for more than a year, prosecutors say, convincing them to sexually assault their children as a form of therapy. After pleading guilty Monday to six charges related to the sexual exploitation of children, Demink faces 15 years to life in prison when he is sentenced in June.



Steven Demink

Demink's alter-ego was a single father of a 14-year-old girl, prosecutors said, and he posted pictures of male models as his headshots. In some cases, court documents say, Demink promised the women a date if they followed through with his directions. Since authorities arrested him in October, seven children were rescued and at least three mothers have been arrested. Prosecutors say all of the children are now safe.

Authorities say Demink chatted with mothers from New Hampshire, Florida, Idaho and elsewhere, persuading them to engage in sexual acts with their children and send images via e-mail or through a live web stream. The children ranged in age from 3 to 15. Demink told U.S. District Judge Gerald Rosen that before his arrest, he worked as a car salesman for about six months and before that for about five years at a local bank. He said he completed a U.S. Customs and Border Protection training program in 2002 and worked for the Immigration and Naturalization Service for about a year. He attended college for about two years but did not earn a degree, he said. □

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*In Ohio, just like Wisconsin*

# Union plan draws protests



Jason Mauk, a spokesman for Ohio State Senate Republicans.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — More than 5,000 protesters converged on Ohio's state capital as state lawmakers considered a bill like one in Wisconsin to curtail collective bargaining rights for public workers and eliminate their right to strike. Republican supporters of the Ohio proposal said the limits to public workers' ability to bargain are necessary to give local governments flexibility and help reduce the state's two-year budget deficit of about \$8 billion.

"Over time, these contracts have often incorporated demands that frankly belong to public employers rather than employees things like specifying the number of workers that should be assigned

to a specific job," said Jason Mauk, a spokesman for Ohio State Senate Republicans. He said the bill provides "some balance to the process." But labor unions and Democrats have protested that the bill goes too far in sacrificing public workers' rights. One unemployed protester, Evan Goodenow, 46, from Bellevue, Ohio, said he was raised by a single mother who was a union meter maid. "She would be rolling over in her grave if she knew what was going on now."

"This isn't about deficits. This is about union-busting," he said.

The proposal will be considered by a Senate committee, and may be voted on by the

full Senate this week. Workers plan a protest rally on Wednesday as well.

The crowd was estimated at 5,000 outside and 300 inside the Capitol building, the largest protest in Ohio since the controversy began two weeks, said William Carleton, director of The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board, which manages the Capitol facility,

The bill is expected to be modified from its original form, which would have prohibited collective bargaining for 42,000 state workers in addition to 19,500 workers in the state's university and college system. This would go even further than Wisconsin and end a right established in 1983 for Ohio's public-sector workers.

For local governments that bargain with unions representing some 300,000 workers including police, firefighters, and public school teachers, the bill removes health care and some other benefits from the negotiating process. □

*In new PT tests*

## Army swaps sit-ups for combat run

FORT JACKSON, S.C. — The Army plans to toughen its fit-

*In Texas*

## Officials advise against spring breakers travel



"Avoid traveling to Mexico during Spring Break and stay alive," officials say.

AUSTIN, Tex. — As college students prepare for the annual ritual of drunken Spring Break partying, Texas officials are urging them to stay away from Mexico.

Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven McCraw cited violence near the border and throughout the country.

"Drug violence has not discriminated -- innocent bystanders and people who may have been in the wrong place at the wrong time are among the casualties," McCraw said in a written statement. "Our safety message is simple: avoid traveling to Mexico during Spring Break and stay alive."

The department urged Texans to stay on the U.S. side of Falcon Lake, a popular fishing and boating spot on the Rio Grande border, where American David Hartley was shot and killed last September. Officials also pointed to the killing of Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent Jaime Zapata near San Luis Potosi in February. □



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ness tests for the first time in 30 years to make sure all soldiers have the strength, endurance and mobility for battle, adding exercises like running an obstacle course in full combat gear and dragging a body's weight.

Officials at Fort Jackson, a major Army training center, said the new regimen would replace twice-a-year testing that focused on push-ups, sit-ups and a two-mile run. Trials

are starting this month at eight bases and the plan could be adopted Army-wide after reviews later this year.

The shift follows other Army efforts to overhaul training, improve diets and help older soldiers keep fit. Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, the head of Army training, said the fitness test had to be revamped because repetitive exercises like sit-ups don't translate into survival on the battlefield. □



## Housing plan

# Key House Republican praises Obama



Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration's plan to gradually dissolve ailing housing giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and to

shrink the government's role in the mortgage market drew praise from House Republicans. The GOP chairman of the House Financial Services Committee called the proposal a good starting point for bipartisan negotiations over a housing overhaul. The positive reaction came as Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told the committee that the Obama administration wants Congress to approve legislation within two years that would slowly dismantle Fannie and Freddie. Failing to do so would worry the financial markets by leaving serious problems unresolved, he said. "Our hope is Congress will

work with us to find a consensus for a long-term solution," Geithner told the lawmakers. The hearing was held three weeks after the Obama administration released a report calling for a stark reduction of the federal role in housing. The nation's housing market has been battered in recent years by low home prices and vast numbers of foreclosures, and politicians from both parties want to find a way to have private lenders not the government bear more of the burden. "You don't want to run a system where the taxpayer is on the hook when things go bad," Geithner said. Even so, there is no consensus even among members of the same party over precisely what to do. And it is unclear whether major legislation such as this could be approved during the approach of next year's presidential election, when partisan divisions intensify. Fannie and Freddie guarantee or own about half of all U.S. mortgages. Along with other federal agencies, they played a role in nearly 9 of 10 new mortgages over the past year, as private lenders have remained nervous about making new loans. The two companies nearly collapsed in 2008 as the housing market crumbled, but have been kept alive with \$150 billion so far in taxpayer dollars. □

## Rutgers to allow

# Male, female students Allowed to "shack up"

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — New Jersey's flagship state university has decided to allow male and female students to share rooms in three dorms in an effort to make the campus more inclusive for gay students after a highly publicized suicide last year. Starting this fall, all students whether gay, lesbian, transgender or heterosexual can choose either male or female roommates under the pilot program. Men and women will share bathrooms. A similar, but smaller, pilot program is being launched at the Newark campus.

A number of other schools, including the University of Maryland, New York's Columbia University and Washington's George Washington University, offer similar housing options, according to the National Student Genderblind Campaign.

The organization is pressing for more programs like them, saying they're a way for students to have roommates they're comfortable with. Rutgers got wide attention last year after freshman Tyler Clementi killed himself by jumping off the George Washington Bridge into the Hudson River. Authorities say that days before, his roommate in a dorm used a webcam to capture Clementi during an intimate encounter with another man.

The roommate and a third freshman have been charged with invasion of privacy in the case. Their lawyers say they're not guilty of any crimes. □

## In Wisconsin Judge orders

# Capitol open to public



Capitol Building in Madison, Wisconsin.

MADISON, Wisconsin — Wisconsin officials said they would not ease entry restrictions at the Capitol Building in Madison after a judge ordered there be public access during business hours. The Capitol building has been the focus of two weeks of protests by labor unions and their supporters opposed to Gov. Scott Walker's plan to curtail union power.

The state agency that operates the Capitol building said it was already in compliance with the judge's order.

Dane County Circuit Court Judge Daniel Moeser ordered state officials to open access. Moeser's order was granted without a hearing and specified it would stand until the trial court is able to schedule a hearing on the matter.

A hearing on the restraining order sought by the Wisconsin State Employees Union is scheduled for today.

Access to the building was tightened earlier this week and remained restricted at midday with law enforcement officers escorting people to hearing rooms and to other offices.

Representative Peter Barca, the minority leader of Democrats in the Wisconsin Assembly, said authorities needed to open access to the building in an "orderly process."

"I do think they need to do this immediately," Barca said.

Joe Thoennes, 25, who has camped in the capitol building for 10 consecutive nights, said access still appeared restricted morning after the order was issued and he planned to stay put in the rotunda.

"I've been wanting to get out so I can have a shower," Thoennes said. "But I'm not planning on going anywhere for now." □

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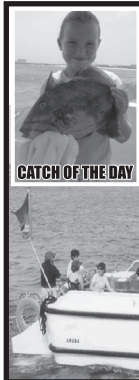
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*In Arkansas*

## Largest earthquake hits in over 35 years

GREENBRIER, Ark. – The central Arkansas town of Greenbrier has been plagued for months by hundreds of small earthquakes, and after being woken up by the largest quake to hit the state in 35 years, residents said Monday they're unsettled by the increasing severity and lack of warning.

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded the quake at 11 p.m. Sunday, centered just northeast of Greenbrier, about 40 miles north of Little Rock. It was the largest of more than 800 quakes to strike the area since September in what is now being called the Guy-Greenbrier earthquake swarm.

The activity has garnered national attention and researchers are studying whether there's a possible connection to the region's natural gas drilling industry. The earthquake activity varies each week, though as many as nearly two dozen small quakes have occurred in a day.

"You don't know what to expect. It's unnerving," said Corinne Tarkington, an employee at a local flower and gift shop. "I woke up last night to the sound of my house shaking."

What woke Tarkington was a magnitude 4.7 earthquake that was also felt in Oklahoma, Missouri, Tennessee and Mississippi. □

*Most toxic US cities*

## Philadelphia tops toxic list



Philadelphia had the worst water quality of the cities examined, followed by Fresno and New York City.

NEW YORK— Philadelphia, Bakersfield and Fresno, California, are the most toxic cities in America, according to a new study that looked at air and water quality in metropolitan areas.

"Philadelphia doesn't have great air, but other cities have worst," said Morgan Brennan, of forbes.com, which conducted the report. "But the Philadelphia area has over 50 Superfund sites, really poor water quality, and a hefty amount of toxic releases."

New York City and Baton Rouge, in Louisiana rounded out the top five most toxic cities in the country.

To compile the list, forbes.com looked at 80 of America's largest metropolitan areas and examined the number of Superfund locations, unused areas which contain hazardous materials, as well as the local Air Quality Index (AQI) and Toxics Release Index, a measure of how much toxic material is released, recycled or managed by local industries.

The Philadelphia metropolitan area includes more than 50 Superfund sites.

Cities in California also have particularly poor air quality. In 2009, Bakersfield had 43 days in which the AQI passed

100 on a 500-point scale, with zero being the best possible score.

Fresno had 29 days in which the AQI passed 100, and Los Angeles had 14. Most American cities can go an entire year without seeing the AQI pass 100.

Brennan said that high levels of toxicity do not necessarily mean increased health risks for local inhabitants. □

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*In Boston*

## Peter Gomes, preacher and author, dies at 67

BOSTON – The Reverend Peter Gomes, a prominent preacher, author and professor at Harvard University who participated in the inauguration of two U.S. presidents, has died at age 68, the university said.

Gomes died at a Boston hospital on Monday from complications arising from a stroke in December.

"Peter Gomes was an original. For 40 years, he has served Harvard as a teacher in the fullest sense a scholar, a mentor, one of the great preachers of our generation, and a living symbol of courage and conviction," Harvard President Drew Faust said in a statement.

An American Baptist minister, Gomes had served at the nondenominational Memorial Church of Harvard University since 1970 and was a member of both the Divinity School faculty and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard.

In 1979 Time magazine called Gomes "one of the seven most distinguished preachers in America." □



# LOCAL Aruba TODAY

## Got sand... play tennis!



**EAGLE BEACH** – This past Sunday, Beach Tennis Aruba organized the 2nd beach tennis tournament of the year.

Despite the rain, players played thru some hard rain and got rewarded with some sun sparkles at the end of the day! In the Pro division there were some great battles as for some of the top players this is last serious test before they travel to a World cup event in Reunion Island(next to Madagascar..!!). All the players that go, reached the finals, so that's good news!

The biggest category was the Advanced men with a first win for Marieke Buuts/Fernando Dulce beating upcoming talents Daan/Yordi in a close tie-breaker!

If you want to try out and/or practice you can do this @ Moomba beach bar(located between Holliday Inn & Marriott) there is a beach tennis club with 4 permanent courts, with court- and racket rental!

For actual standings of the tournaments of 2011, go to

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*Janice Smith confirms*

## Divi Resorts Aruba undergoes EarthCheck Audit



**EAGLE BEACH** – Divi Resorts Aruba have been busy for the past 18 months obtaining their EarthCheck certification. As a result of that process of introspection and inspection the environmental practices of Divi Resorts here have been recognized by EarthCheck, the world's leading sustainable travel and tourism certification organization.

EarthCheck lends its stamp of approval only to those organizations that can consistently demonstrate operational practices that adhere to the highest environmental standards over an extended period of time. General Manager Marin Bijl, spearheaded the project in Aruba with the support of his department heads. He reports many improvements in the journey to becoming green. From big changes to small upgrades, the simplest initiatives and the most complicated ideas were woven into his resorts' daily operation, affecting water and energy consumption, air conditioning use, waste management, landscaping practices, and administration methods. Bijl invited the EarthCheck auditors to see for them-

selves how much has been accomplished and Janice Smith, headquartered in Trinidad was picked for the task. While in Aruba auditor Janice Smith reviewed all environment practices, touring both the Divi & the Tamarijn resorts accompanied by all department heads. The party took the much-enjoyed inspection tour in the resort's sun-powered golf cart. The group is also pictured here in the composting center. Jamaal Solomon, Landscaping Director explained the seaside resorts now shred all office paper waste and mix it with organic kitchen refuse and dredged algae from the golf course water hazards,

ponds and canals, to create rich compost for the gardens. Elthon Lampe, Energy Manager reviewed all energy saving techniques employed by the resorts contributing to improved efficiencies.

Smith pointed out that using a science-based approach, EarthCheck is designed to help the travel and tourism

industry increase efficiencies, maximize guests' experience and minimize environmental footprints.

At the end of the tour Bijl reiterated Divi's commitment to green practices revealing that Divi Links and Divi Village will be next in obtaining EarthCheck certifications. □





*At El Gaucho Argentine Grill*

# Porfidio Plata & Porfidio Añejo announce winners



Oranjestad -- Joost Röben, with Arion Wine Company reports that Marilfi Velasquez, is the proud winner of an incentive program held at Garufa Ultra Lounge and El

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The Queen Election candidates: Nazima, Danielle, Maureen, Undina, Rita and Magdalena represented various resort departments, and following an animated contest Yadira Brito, of the Housekeeping department snatched the crown demonstrating her spirit of Carnival, dancing, movin' and groovin'.

Prins Jason, of recreation and Pancho Joshua of the Front Office who were crowned earlier in the hour, helped pick and present the winning queen in the traditional Prins & Pancho dance around the candidates. Emceed by talented Alberto Groeneveldt, the party at the Chit Chat Café also brought the reign of Queen Alexandra Werleman of the PBX to conclusion, as she gave up her crown for incoming Queen Yadira. General Manager Joe Najjar and his crew thanked Alexandra for all her contributions as an outstanding resort representative, having attended all events and given of her time generously, as the resort's unforgettable 2010 Carnival Queen. □



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- 2 Yentl de Bruyn/Gabriella Rasmoen
- 3 Vincent-/Ole de Bruyn
- 4 Jules Cunha/Aaron Polak

Youth Advanced:

- 1 Shawn Porry/Delai Hurkmans
- 2 Tim Hekman/Milan de Jonge
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- 4 Randy vd Heuvel/Jeffrey Cuhna

Fun men:

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- 2 Victor Nataf/Mike Bislick

3 Ronald Aardema/Romke Kats

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- 2 Pieter de Bruyn/Mirjam de Bruyn
- 3 Steve Wild/Arnalda Lampe

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Intermediate mix:

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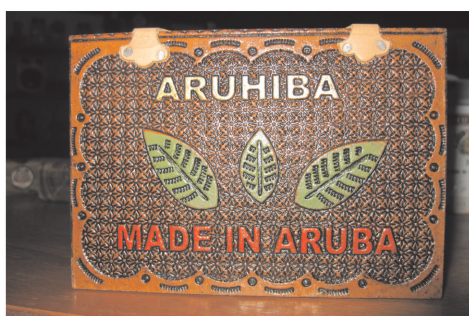
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# U.S. warns of Libya civil war if Gaddafi stays



"The situation is nervous," said Salah, a 35-year-old doctor at one bread shop where about 15 people were queuing outside.

TRIPOLI – Libya could descend into civil war if Muammar Gaddafi refuses to quit, the United States said its demand for an end to his rule carrying new weight after word of unspecified Western military preparations.

But the veteran Libyan leader remained defiant, sending forces to a western border area amid fears that the most violent Arab revolt may grow more turbulent and trigger a regional humanitarian crisis. In Moscow, a Kremlin source suggested Gaddafi should step down, calling him a "living political corpse who has no place in the modern civilized world," Interfax news agency reported.

In prepared testimony to U.S. lawmakers in Washington, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Libya could become a democracy or face a drawn-out civil war.

"In the years ahead, Libya could become a peaceful democracy or it could face protracted civil war," she said.

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice said Washington would keep pressure on Gaddafi until he steps down, while working to stabilize oil prices and avert a possible humanitarian crisis.

Speaking in a series of interviews on U.S. television, Rice stopped short of saying the Obama administration was ready to impose a no-fly zone over Libya that would prevent Gaddafi from using aircraft against rebels fighting against him.

"We are going to keep the pressure on Gaddafi until he steps down and allows the people of Libya to express themselves freely and determine their own future," Rice told ABC television.

Gaddafi appeared unmoved

by the outside pressure, and suspicions grew that the veteran leader, a survivor of numerous coup attempts during his rule, did not grasp the unprecedented scale of the forces now gathering against him. "All my people love me," he told the U.S. ABC network and the BBC on Monday, dismissing the significance of a rebellion against his rule that has ended his control over much of eastern Libya, the center of oil output.

Around the Libyan capital there were queues outside bread shops morning. Some residents said many bread shops were limiting the number of loaves customers could buy, forcing people to visit several to get needed supplies. "The situation is nervous," said Salah, a 35-year-old doctor at one bread shop where about 15 people were queuing outside.

"Of course I am worried. My family is afraid. They are waiting at home. We have been hearing gun-fire.

"But the people are together. I hope the situation calms down.

I am 35 and this is the first time I saw something like this in Libya. It is very scary."

A Tripoli resident said the main state television station, Jamahiriya, was no longer available on its usual satellite channel.

He said Libiya, another of Libya's three television sta-

tions, which are all state controlled, had told viewers Jamahiriya's signal was being subjected to interference.

It was not clear if the interference was linked to a campaign, led by Libyan exile groups, to persuade satellite television operators to stop carrying Libyan television.

In the opposition bastion of Benghazi, residents said food and other necessities were in good supply despite the fact that many factories and shops had halted work since the revolt began.

Bank withdrawals were still limited and drivers said petrol, scarce a few days ago, had since returned to good supply. "There have been no problems yet, the crisis is still fresh," said Hassan Ghorfany, 37, who works in a wholesale store selling food in Benghazi,

adding that some but not all of his suppliers had stopped working.

On Monday evening the United States said it was moving ships and planes closer to the country and British Prime Minister David Cameron said his government would work to prepare a "no-fly" zone to protect the Libyan people.

Barely 12 hours later, Libyan forces re-asserted their presence at the remote Dehiba southern border crossing, decorating the border post with green Libyan flags.

Reporters on the Tunisian side saw Libyan army vehicles, and soldiers armed with Kalashnikov rifles. The previous day, there was no Libyan security presence at the border crossing. Dehiba is about 60 km (40 miles) from the town of Nalut. □

## Prison sought for man who hit Brazil cyclists

SAO PAULO – Brazilian prosecutors are requesting the imprisonment of a man who ran into dozens of bicycle-riding activists.

Prosecutors Eugenio Amorim and Lucia Callegari say in a statement they have asked for the preventive detention of Ricardo Jose Neis on charges of attempted homicide. The statement was posted on the website of the prosecutor's office of Rio Grande do Sul state.

Neis sped his car through a pack of more than 100 pro-cycling activists in the city of Porto Alegre on Friday. At least 40 were injured, though nobody was killed.

The man tells police the cyclists were beating on his car and threatening him. The cyclists, deny that and the lead police investigator in the case calls that scenario "fanciful." □

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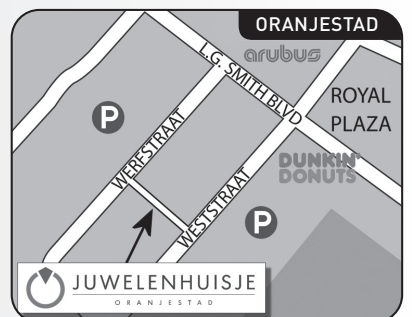
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# Will the Arab revolts cripple terrorists?

New York – Al Qaeda is a mere sideline observer of the uprisings sweeping the Arab world. Are the revolts making Osama bin Laden irrelevant? Arab autocrats aren't the only losers in the uprisings that have, so far, toppled the leaders of Tunisia and Egypt. According to several analysts and counter-terrorism officials, the pro-democracy revolts have been just as bad for Al Qaeda and other militant Islamist groups. Though Al Qaeda leaders are publicly embracing the revolutions, they've essentially stood by and watched others achieve their goal of overthrowing secular regimes. Has Islamist terrorism become marginalized?

Al Qaeda can't compete against freedom: The "exhilarating" revolutions upsetting regimes across the Arab



Osama bin Laden's "worst nightmare" is coming true.

world may bring the "end of the 'war on terror,'" says Peter Beinart in The Daily Beast. As democratically elected governments take over, Osama bin Laden's "worst nightmare" is coming true: Without "corrupt flunkies for the U.S. and Israel" to rally Arabs against,

Al Qaeda has no appeal.

No, the terrorism risks could be greater than ever: It's too soon to declare victory over the jihadists, says Walid Phares in National Review. These uprisings all follow a pattern: A three-way struggle among an autocratic re-

gime, freedom-seeking "civil-society forces," and, waiting in the wings, a "very well organized Islamist movement." This "triangular equation" could equal democracy, or if we're not careful, the "eventual transformation of the country [in question] into a jihadist state."

Only this Muslim 'empowerment' can beat bin Laden: There may be some short-term blips, but for defeating "the scourge of terrorism in the Islamic world, the 'Arab revolt' is the best possible news," says former CIA official Robert Grenier in Al Jazeera. We can't win with guns, "Faustian bargains" with despots, or even ideas. Only Muslims themselves can relegate "Islamically-inspired terrorism" to the "dustbin of history," and we are watching them do just that.

## Return Gaza to Egypt!

Washington – The departure of Hosni Mubarak generates fear in Western capitals, and for good reasons. Egypt has been a steadfast ally of the West for decades, as it maintained peace with Israel and worked against Iranian influence in the region. Many Western leaders are frightened to realize that all this may evaporate if anti-Western forces, including the Muslim Brotherhood, gain power in a new government. But a new reality in Egypt may also present opportunities for peace-making in the region that would have been unthinkable only weeks ago. One of these opportunities is to return Gaza to Egyptian control.

Egypt controlled the Gaza Strip in 1948, but lost it to Israel during the Six-Day War in 1967. While Egypt and Israel ultimately made peace in 1979, Gaza's fate remained unresolved, to the detriment of Israel and the Gazan people. The consensus view among parties trying to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian dispute has been that Gaza must be part of a future Palestinian state, along with the West Bank. However, this consensus view makes little sense.

Gaza and the West Bank are not contiguous territories. And Gaza is controlled by Hamas, a radical Islamic movement opposed to peace with Israel, while the West Bank is controlled by the secular, moderate Palestinian Authority. Making peace between Israel and Palestine would be easier to accomplish if the only territory in dispute was the West Bank. In addition, while many Gazans view themselves as Palestinians, in many ways, they are more culturally and economically connected to Egypt than the West Bank. Increasing these ties could benefit Gazans and move the region closer to peace.

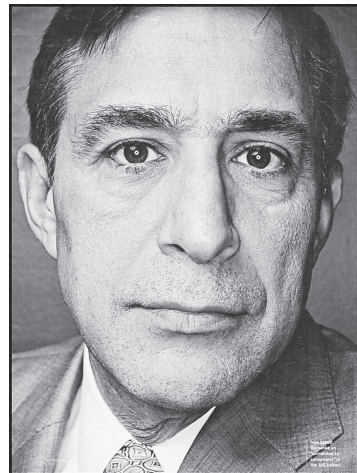
A new Egypt is ripe for returning Gaza. But the idea of returning Gaza to Egyptian control has always been rejected out of hand, mainly by Egypt itself. The rationale for this has always been that Mubarak's regime would be threatened because the radicalism from Gaza would strengthen the Muslim Brotherhood movement in Egypt. However, this rationale might not apply in a post-Mubarak Egypt, especially one in which the Muslim Brotherhood played a role.

Returning Gaza to Egyptian control could allow political and cultural influence to flow north instead of south. Specifically, a Muslim Brotherhood with relatively moderate positions necessary for competing in national elections could have a constructive influence on Hamas. □

## Darrell Issa investigating his own spokesman

WASHINGTON, DC – Rep. Darrell Issa is investigating his own spokesman Kurt Bardella. Issa, chair of the House oversight committee, was expected to spend this year making the White House sweat with hundreds of investigations into the inner workings of the federal bureaucracy. But it's the inner workings of his own staff that Issa now has to figure out.

Issa wants to find out if Bardella improperly shared emails from other reporters to Mark Leibovich of The New York Times, whose book about the hideous vanity found in our nation's capital tragically won't be published till 2012. Bardella is working with Leibovich, and "his collaboration with the book author is what I want to get to the bottom of," Issa told Politico's Jake Sherman and Marin Cogan. When confronted by Politico, Bardella said, "Am I bcc'ing him on every e-mail I send out? Of course not." Then he said he wouldn't "get into the details of proprietary conversations" about the book. Sherman and Cogan's boss at Politico, John F. Harris, is pretty mad about the possibility such emails were shared, something he says "would be egregiously unprofessional under any circumstances," and could compromise his staffers' reporting. The Washington



Post explained that "such a leak could potentially jeopardize competitive information among news organizations since, for example, it might reveal stories a reporter is pursuing or cast professional relationships in an unflattering light." For an illustration of the latter concern, it's helpful to look to the example of Ron Fournier, the former Associated Press reporter and current National Journal editor whose gushing emails to Karl Rove were published in a congressional report on the death of Pat Tillman:

Karl Rove exchanged e-mails about Pat Tillman with Associated Press reporter Ron Fournier, under the subject line "H-E-R-O." In response to Mr. Fournier's e-mail, Mr. Rove asked, "How does our country continue to produce men and women like this," to which Mr. Fournier replied, "The Lord creates men and women like this all over the

world. But only the great and free countries allow them to flourish. Keep up the fight."

Of course, Bardella already got himself in trouble a "nanosecond" from being fired, Issa says after he made the mistake of being too honest with The New Yorker's Ryan Lizza in a profile of his boss. Bardella explained how he aimed to make Issa an "actual political figure" by courting the 500 or so people "who track who's up, who's down, who wins, who loses" Washington reporters. But he didn't do himself any favors with that group by detailing the ease with which he manipulated them:

Some people in the press, I think, are just lazy as hell. There are times when I pitch a story and they do it word for word. That's just embarrassing. They're adjusting to a time that demands less quality and more quantity. And it works to my advantage most of the time, because I think most reporters have liked me packaging things for them. Most people will opt for what's easier, so they can move on to the next thing. Reporters are measured by how often their stuff gets on Drudge. It's a bad way to be, but it's reality.

And then he embarrassed Howard Kurtz by revealing that Kurtz thought he was interviewing Issa when he was really talking to Bardella. □





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## In Yemen

# Tens of thousands protest, clashes in south

SANAA/ADEN — Tens of thousands of protesters flooded Yemen's streets in a fresh "Day of Rage," demanding an end to the president's three-decade rule.

In the capital Sanaa, protesters chanted "With blood and soul we support you, Aden" -- the port city where most of the 24 protesters killed in the past two weeks of protests have died. Some protesters made "V" for victory signs while others wore white headbands with "Leave" written in red.

Tens of thousands more also marched through the streets of Ibb and Taiz, south of Sanaa. President Ali Abdullah Saleh, a U.S. ally against al Qaeda's Yemeni wing, has failed to quell two months of protests in a country of 23 million where 40 percent live on less than \$2 a day and a third are undernourished.

"Victory is coming and it is near," Hassan Zaid, an opposition leader, shouted to the protesters gathered in Sanaa, where protesters have been camping out for two weeks. "We have one goal and one demand, and that is the quick end of the regime."

Protesters are angry at widespread corruption, as Yemeni university graduates struggle to get jobs without connections, and youth unemployment is high. Northern rebels and southern separatists say they are denied resources and a say in politics.

As oil and water resources dry up, the 68-year-old leader is less able to pay off allies to keep the peace.

Saleh has met tribal and regional military leaders, and offered talks to form a unity government on Monday. But the political opposition swiftly rebuffed the offer, saying it was standing



"Day of Rage," demanding an end to the president's three-decade rule.

with protesters demanding he step aside.

A leading hardline Muslim cleric, Sheikh Abdul-Majid al-Zindani, who two weeks ago backed the idea of Saleh staying in power until 2013, joined protesters on the streets of Sanaa.

"There is no legitimacy to a ruler whose people do not want him," Zindani said.

Saleh himself lashed out at President Barack Obama over demands that leaders show restraint in tackling unrest as protests galvanized by successful uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia rage across Libya, Yemen, Bahrain and Oman.

"Every day we hear a statement from Obama saying 'Egypt you can't do this, Tunisia don't do that'," Saleh said in a speech at Sanaa University, a rallying point for protests in the capital where tens of thousands have gathered outside campus.

"What do you have to do with Egypt? Or Oman?"

Are you the president of the United States, or president of the world?"

In Aden, protesters following the example of their peers in Taiz and Sanaa set up tents, but covered them with black flags and pictures of protesters killed in clashes with police.

In Hodeidah province in the north, Saleh loyalists and protesters fought with rocks and sticks.

Four people were hurt. Security forces in the south have come under frequent attack in recent days separatists fought the army in southern Hailayn, killing two soldiers and wounding three. The U.S.-based Human Rights Watch said at least eight people

detained by Yemen security forces last month, several of them southern separatists, had disappeared. "Snatching and hiding political opposition leaders is hardly compatible with the government's claim to protect rights," said Sarah Leah Whitson,

HRW's Middle East director. Also in the south, tribesmen kidnapped an Uzbek doctor, saying they would use him as leverage for demands that the government hold accountable those behind an airstrike aimed at al Qaeda that killed dozens of civilians in December 2009. □

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*For Libya*

## Russian FM knocks down no-fly zone

GENEVA – Top Russian diplomats ruled out the idea of creating a no-fly zone over Libya as embattled leader Moammar Gadhafi unleashed bombing raids, Special Forces and army troops in a desperate bid to stay in power. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov described the idea of imposing limits on Libyan air space as “superfluous” and said world powers must instead focus on fully using the sanctions approved by the U.N. Security Council over the weekend.

Leaders in the U.S., Europe and Australia have suggested the military tactic used successfully in northern Iraq and Bosnia to prevent Gadhafi from bombing his own people. But Russia’s consent is required as a veto-wielding member of the Security Council.

Russian NATO ambassador Dmitry Rogozin cautioned against moving militarily against Gadhafi without U.N. authorization.

“If someone in Washington is seeking a blitzkrieg in Libya,



**Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.**

it is a serious mistake because any use of military force outside the NATO responsibility zone will be considered a violation of international law,” Rogozin told Russia’s Interfax news agency in Brussels. “A ban on the national air force or civil aviation to fly over their own territory is still a serious interference into the domestic affairs of another country, and at any rate it requires a resolution of the U.N. Security Council,” Rogozin said.

U.N. council members have not considered imposing a

no-fly zone over Libya, and no U.N.-sanctioned military action was planned. NATO says any intervention in Libya would have to be U.N.-authorized.

Still, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said that even more action beyond U.N. sanctions might be needed, because in Libya “a regime that has lost legitimacy has declared war on its own people.”

“It is up to us, the community of nations, to stand against this crime,” Ban said in New York. Libya was expected to be suspended from the U.N. Human Rights Council later by the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

“Those who have abused human rights have no place in the Human Rights Council,” German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle told reporters.

Italy voiced support for a no-fly zone over Libya, which is critical given that Italian bases would likely be used to enforce it. □



**Pyongyang calls the games a rehearsal for invasion.**

## N. Korea vows ‘physical’ response to war games

SEOUL – North Korea threatened a military response to ongoing US-South Korean military drills, blasting them as preparations for a nuclear war of aggression against it.

Seoul and Washington say the annual war games which began Monday are routine and defensive in nature, but Pyongyang calls them a rehearsal for invasion.

A foreign ministry statement carried by the official news agency said the North had done its best to open dialogue without preconditions. But its army and people were expressing “irrepressible resentment” at the manoeuvres.

“Inevitable is the physical counter-action on the part of the army of the DPRK (North Korea) for self-defence,” it said.

“The hard-won opportunity of dialogue and detente is fading away. The US should be wholly accountable for all the consequences to be entailed by its military provocations. The DPRK is ready for both dialogue and confrontation.” □

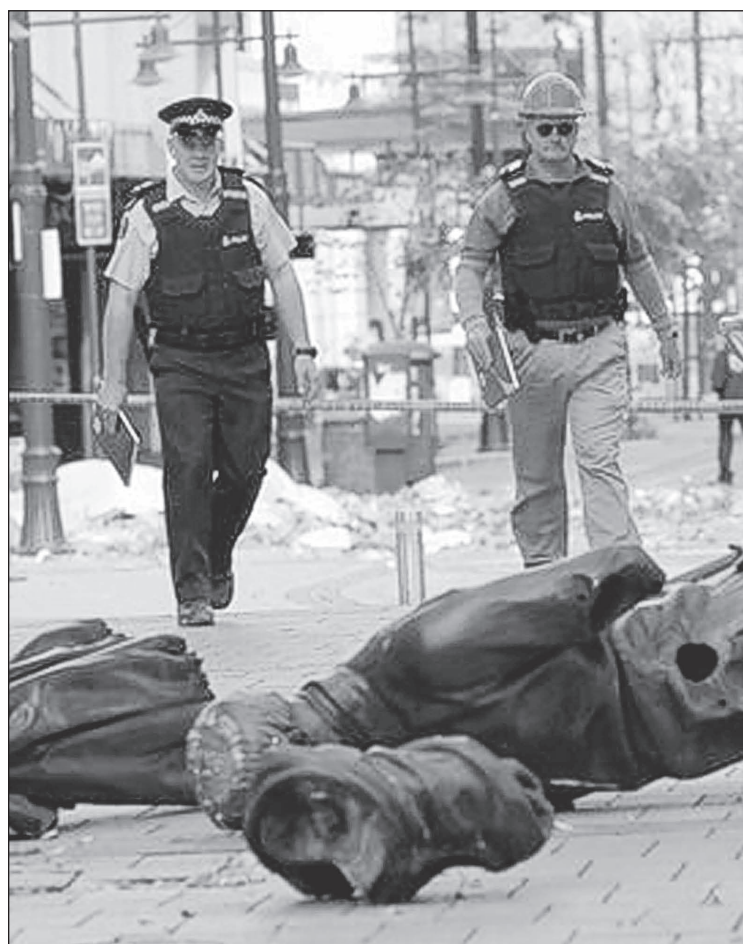
### New Zealand

## Voice from history exposed by quake

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand – The New Zealand earthquake has exposed potentially historic documents hidden inside a 19th century statue that toppled in the disaster.

Christchurch Major Bob Parker said that a handwritten parchment in a bottle and a sealed copper cylinder believed to contain documents were discovered inside the statue of the city’s founder. The statue is in the city’s main square near its historic cathedral. It fell during the Feb. 22 earthquake that killed at least 155 people.

Museum experts were examining the items. They appeared to contain a message from the city’s founders expressing their vision for it. Parker said, “It seems almost providential that they have come to light now to provide the inspiration we need in this most difficult time.” □



**The fallen statue is in the city’s main square near its historic cathedral.**

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## Iran forces fire teargas, clash with protesters



Security forces and people in civilian clothes clashed with demonstrators in Tehran to disperse them.

TEHRAN – Iran's security forces fired teargas and clashed with opposition supporters in Tehran where demonstrators were rallying to demand the release of two opposition leaders, according to an opposition website.

"Security forces and people in civilian clothes clashed with demonstrators in Tehran to disperse them," opposition website Kaleme reported.

Sahamnews, another opposition website, reported large numbers of security personnel stationed at main streets and squares in Tehran "to prevent gathering of opposition supporters." Former presidential candidates Mirhossein Mousavi and Mehdi Karoubi have not been seen in public since they called for a rally on February 14, during which thousands of their supporters took to the streets to support uprisings in the Arab world.

Opposition websites had called for a rally to demand their release. Opposition website Sahamnews reported on Monday that Mousavi and Karoubi had been jailed along with their wives. Judiciary officials deny they have been jailed but say they have been kept at home and barred from contact with the outside world. □

*In Oman*

## Army tries to disperse protests



Oman is ruled by Sultan Qaboos bin Said for the past four decades.

SOHAR, Oman – Omani troops fired into the air near a port to clear a fourth day of protests by people demanding jobs and political reforms, wounding one person in the town of Sohar, witnesses said. "We were about 200 to 300 people on the road. The army started shooting in the air," one protester in Sohar said, declining to be named. "Many people ran. The man who was shot (had) come to calm the army down."

The crowd dispersed before regrouping again near the port IN north Oman, the witnesses said, and the troops pulled back.

The unrest in Sohar, Oman's main industrial center, was a

rare outbreak of discontent in the normally tranquil Gulf state, ruled by Sultan Qaboos bin Said for four decades, following a wave of pro-democracy protests across the Arab world.

Trying to calm tensions, the sultan on Sunday promised 50,000 jobs, unemployment benefits of \$390 a month and to study widening the power of a quasi-parliamentary advisory council. □

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# The New Normal

By DAVID BROOKS  
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NEW YORK TIMES

We're going to be doing a lot of deficit cutting over the next several years. The country's future greatness will be shaped by whether we cut wisely or stupidly. So we should probably come up with a few sensible principles to guide us as we cut.

The first one, as I tried to argue last week, is: Make Everybody Hurt. The sacrifice should be spread widely and fairly. A second austerity principle is this: Trim from the old to invest in the young. We should adjust pension promises and reduce the amount of money spent on health care during the last months of life so we can preserve programs for those who are growing and learning the most. So far, this principle is being trampled. Seniors vote. Taxpayers revolt. Public employees occupy capitol buildings to protect their bargaining power for future benefits negotiations. As a result, seniors are being protected while children are getting pummeled. If you look across the country, you see education financing getting sliced — often in the most thoughtless and destructive ways. The future has no union.

In Washington, the Republicans who designed the cuts for this fiscal year seemed to have done no serious policy evaluation. They excused the elderly and directed cuts at anything else they could easily reach. Under their budget, financing for early-childhood programs would fall off a cliff. Tens of thousands of kids, maybe hundreds of thousands, would have their slots eliminated midyear.

Out in the states, the situation is scarcely better. Many governors of both parties are diverting money from schools in thoughtless and self-destructive ways. Hawaii decided to cut the number of days in the school year. Of all the ways to cut education, why on earth would you reduce student time in the classroom?

Texas is taking the meat cleaver approach. School financing will be cut by at least 13.5 percent, around \$3.5 billion. About 85,000 new students arrive in Texas every year. There will be no additional resources to accommodate them.

Which leads to the third austerity principle: Never cut without an evaluation process. Before legislators and governors chop a section of the budget, they should make a list of all the relevant programs. They should grade each option and then start paying for them from the top down.

It seems simple, but that is not what is happening. Instead, legislators and administrators are simply cutting on the basis of what's politically easy and what vaguely seems expendable. In education, many administrators are quick to cut athletics, band, cheerleading, art and music because they have the vague impression that those are luxuries. In fact, they are exactly the programs that keep kids in school and build character.

I have a lot of problems with President Obama's tepid budget. But it does an excellent job of linking funds to outcomes, especially in education.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan gave a superb speech in November called the New Normal. He observed that this era of austerity should be an occasion to increase productivity and cut the things that are ineffective. Duncan is a fountain of ideas to make more with less. For example, he says, if we have to increase class sizes, we should put more kids in with the best teachers and then we should pay those teachers more to compensate for the extra load. Most of us parents would rather see our kids in a class of 30 with a great teacher than a class of 25 with an average one. □



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# Unfit for Democracy?

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF  
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CAIRO

Is the Arab world unready for freedom? A crude stereotype lingers that some people — Arabs, Chinese and Africans — are incompatible with democracy. Many around the world fret that “people power” will likely result in Somalia-style chaos, Iraq-style civil war or Iran-style oppression. That narrative has been nourished by Westerners and, more sadly, by some Arab, Chinese and African leaders. So with much of the Middle East in an uproar today, let's tackle a politically incorrect question head-on: Are Arabs too politically immature to handle democracy?

This concern is the subtext for much anxiety today, from Washington to Riyadh. And there's no question that there are perils: the overthrow of the shah in Iran, of Saddam Hussein in Iraq, of Tito in Yugoslavia, all led to new oppression and bloodshed. Congolese celebrated the eviction of their longtime dictator in 1997, but the civil war since has been the most lethal conflict since World War II. If Libya becomes another Congo, if Bahrain becomes an Iranian satellite, if Egypt becomes controlled by the Mus-



Nicholas D. Kristof

lim Brotherhood — well, in those circumstances ordinary citizens might end up pining for former oppressors.

“Before the revolution, we were slaves, and now we are the slaves of former slaves,” Lu Xun, the great Chinese writer, declared after the toppling of the Qing dynasty. Is that the future of the Middle East?

I don't think so. Moreover, this line of thinking seems to me insulting to the unfree world. In Egypt and Bahrain in recent weeks, I've been humbled by the lionhearted men and women I've seen defying tear gas or bullets for freedom that we take for granted. How can we say that these people are unready for a democracy that they are prepared to die for?

We Americans spout bromides about freedom. Democracy campaigners in the Middle East have been en-

during unimaginable tortures as the price of their struggle — at the hands of dictators who are our allies — yet they persist. In Bahrain, former political prisoners have said that their wives were taken into the jail in front of them. And then the men were told that unless they confessed, their wives would promptly be raped. That, or more conventional tortures, usually elicited temporary confessions, yet for years or decades those activists persisted in struggling for democracy. And we ask if they're mature enough to handle it?

The common thread of this year's democracy movement from Tunisia to Iran, from Yemen to Libya, has been undaunted courage. I'll never forget a double-amputee I met in Tahrir Square in Cairo when Hosni Mubarak's thugs were attacking with rocks, clubs and Molotov cocktails. This young man rolled his wheelchair to the front lines. And we doubt his understanding of what democracy means?

In Bahrain, I watched a column of men and women march unarmed toward security forces when, a day earlier, the troops had opened fire with live ammunition. Anyone dare say that such people are too immature to handle democracy? □





## Malinga's hat trick, Sri Lanka maul Kenya

Sri Lankan bowler Lasith Malinga acknowledges the crowd after taking five wickets during the ICC Cricket World Cup match between Sri Lanka and Kenya in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

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### Federal judge sides with NFL union in TV dispute

By DAVE CAMPBELL

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — A federal judge backed the NFL players' union over the league on Tuesday in a dispute over television revenue with implications for the looming potential lockout. U.S. District Judge David Doty ruled that the league violated its agreement with the union in carving out \$4 billion for itself in additional television revenue. The union had argued that the league was effectively stockpiling money to prepare for a lockout.

Doty overruled a special master.

Doty ordered that a hearing be held to determine damages for the players. That hearing wasn't immediately scheduled. The union had asked that the TV money be placed in escrow until the end of any lockout.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello downplayed the significance of the ruling, saying that clubs were "prepared for any contingency."

"Today's ruling will have no effect on our efforts to negotiate a new, balanced labor agreement," Aiello wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

He told the AP that the NFL had not immediately determined whether it would appeal Doty's ruling.

The league's agreement with players expires at midnight Eastern time Thursday night, and owners have said they would institute a lockout if no new agreement is reached. □

## Kaymer's Rise



Martin Kaymer, of Germany, reacts after missing a putt on the 18th hole to force a playoff against Justin Rose during the second round of the Match Play Championship golf tournament Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, in Marana, Ariz. Kaymer won 1-up in 20 holes.

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*Kaymer reaches the top with wins, not questions*



# Malinga's hat-trick helps Sri Lanka rout Kenya

STUART CONDIE

AP Sports Writer

BANGALORE, India (AP)

— Test-playing nations continued to dominate smaller teams at the World Cup on Tuesday when Sri Lanka hammered Kenya by nine wickets, with Lasith Malinga becoming the first man to take two hat-tricks in the competition. Four years after the fast bowler took four wickets from four balls against South Africa, Malinga marked his first appearance at this year's World Cup with career-best figures of 6-38 as Sri Lanka bowled out Kenya for 142 in Colombo.

Sri Lanka then reached its target in 18.4 overs for a second win from three Group A matches, bouncing back in style from Saturday's 11-run loss to Pakistan and thrilling the partisan crowd at R. Premadasa Stadium.

Malinga showed no signs of the back strain which had prevented him from competing in Sri Lanka's first two games, taking a hat-trick just a day after the West Indies' Kemar Roach took the first at this year's tournament.

Tillakaratne Dilshan, who scored 44 in Sri Lanka's reply, said: "He's the main attacking bowler we have and unfortu-



**Kenyan batsman Peter Ongondo bowled out by Sri Lankan bowler Lasith Malinga, unseen, during the ICC Cricket World Cup match between Sri Lanka and Kenya in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Tuesday, March 1, 2011.**

nately he missed the first two matches.

"He's come back and done the job for Sri Lanka. It's great to have Lasith Malinga in the team." Malinga was meanwhile just relieved to be out and performing again.

"I am happy that I don't have any injuries," he said.

For Kenya, it was another bitterly disappointing night,

with only half-centuries from brothers Collins (52) and David Obuya (51) lifting the gloom with a 94-run stand for Kenya's third wicket.

"Once they got out, we crumbled again," Kenya captain Jimmy Kamande said. "It's like a habit for us now, one bowler gets more than four or five (wickets) every game that we have played in the tour-

nement." The International Cricket Council's decision to trim the tournament from 14 to 10 teams for 2015 continues begins to look less controversial after Kenya's third heavy beating of the competition. While the Kenyans are looking at an early exit after also losing by 10 wickets to New Zealand and 205 runs to Pakistan, the Netherlands and

Canada have also taken big losses.

However, Ireland gets the perfect chance to boosting the ICC Associate nations' standing when it takes on England on Wednesday. Victory could also strengthen Ireland's case with the ICC for full test status.

Even after its 2007 World Cup win over Pakistan, 2009 World Twenty20 win over Bangladesh and one-day win over Zimbabwe last year, Ireland's best players still have to switch allegiance to England to play at test level.

"We don't want to have players making that call," Ireland captain William Porterfield said. Ireland spinner George Dockrell is the latest player to reportedly attract interest from England management and may open the bowling against a side that could contain fit-again bowler Stuart Broad. For Kenya, though, the tournament is almost over even before meetings with Canada, Australia and Zimbabwe.

Malinga trapped Tanmay Mishra lbw off the last delivery of his seventh over before clean bowling Peter Ongondo and Shem Ngoche off successive deliveries at the start of his next. □

## Nadal back after injury, fit for Davis Cup

RAF CASERT

AP Sports Writer

CHARLEROI, Belgium

(AP) — Rafael Nadal is ready for a return to top-level tennis, declaring himself 100 percent fit Tuesday after fully recovering from a thigh injury sustained at the Australian Open.

The top-ranked player said he is ready to spearhead Spain in the opening singles match against Belgium on Friday in the first-round series, after injuring his left hamstring in the quarterfinals in Melbourne in January. "If I am here it is because, physically, I am 100 percent," Nadal said after a training session. After taking time off before slowly resuming training, he has been participating in two

practice sessions a day with his Davis Cup partners in Charleroi.

With Nadal and top-10 players David Ferrer and Fernando Verdasco, Spain is the overwhelming favorite against Belgium. The top-ranked player for the hosts is Xavier Malisse, ranked 51st in the world, and the only one in the top 100.

During practice on the hard indoor surface, Nadal's leg was no longer strapped and he moved freely on the court. Smiling happily, Nadal knows fully he can count on his teammates this weekend. On Saturday, Ferrer successfully defended his Mexican Open title before rushing to Belgium.

If team captain Albert Costa

calls on his best player twice this weekend, Nadal will be ready.

"I am practicing hard. If the captain thinks I am the right player to start on Friday, I will do my best. We will see," Nadal said.

If play goes according to form, Spain could wrap up the best-of-five tie during the doubles on Saturday. It would give Nadal the sweetest comeback to competitive tennis before he moves to Indian Wells for the Parisbas Open next week.

He knows, though, that the Davis Cup rarely goes according to form, especially when the Spiroudome will be filled to its 6,500-capacity on Friday.

"When we play away all the



**Spain's Davis Cup team player Rafael Nadal reacts, during a media conference in Charleroi, Belgium, Tuesday March 1, 2011. Spain will play against Belgium for the Davis Cup World Group Round 1 on 4, 5 and 6 March 2011.**

Associated Press confrontations are difficult," Nadal said.

Based on rankings, Spain should be a perennial challenger, but last year the team

was whitewashed 5-0 by France in the quarterfinals.

"There are a lot of teams around the world that are able to beat us," Nadal said. □



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### NBA Roundup

# Bulls top Wizards 105-77, move 1 game behind Heat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Luol Deng and Derrick Rose scored 21 points apiece while Joakim Noah had 19 as the Chicago Bulls beat the Washington Wizards 105-77 Monday night to move within a game of the Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference.

The Bulls never trailed as they won their third straight and seventh in eight games. Rose brought out some oohs and aahs with a backward between-the-legs pass to Noah for a fast-break dunk, and Deng was already walking to the locker room before his 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer from the corner swished through the net to give Chicago a 13-point lead at the break.

Rose also had nine assists, Noah pulled down 11 rebounds, and Carlos Boozer had 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Bulls.

Andray Blatche scored 15 points, and Nick Young had 14 for the Wizards, who have lost six in a row and 15 of 17. Mike Bibby was so anxious to get out of town that he gave up \$6.2 million in a contract buy-out on Monday after playing

just two games with Washington; he had been acquired last week in a trade with Atlanta.

**Suns 104, Nets 103, OT**

At Newark, Channing Frye hit a 3-pointer with 6.6 seconds to play in overtime as Phoenix spoiled Deron Williams' home debut for New Jersey. The Nets narrowly missed pulling this one out, but Kris Humphries' tip-in of Williams' floater came a split second after the final buzzer. Williams had 13 points and a season-high 18 assists, including five in rallying New Jersey from a seven-point deficit late in the fourth quarter. Reserve Marcin Gortat led the Suns with 17 points and Hakim Warrick had 16.

Brook Lopez had 28 points for New Jersey and Anthony Morrow added 22.

**Celtics 107, Jazz 102**

At Salt Lake City, Ray Allen scored 25 points and Paul Pierce added 21, including a late 3-pointer and pair of free throws, to help Boston hold on.

The loss spoiled the home debut of new Jazz players Devin Harris and Derrick Favors, who were acquired last week in the trade that sent for All-Star Deron Williams to New Jersey.

Al Jefferson had 28 points and a season-high 19 rebounds for Utah, which has dropped six straight at home — the team's worst home skid since 1982.

**In other NBA games it was Phoenix 104, New Jersey 103, OT; Chicago 105, Washington 77; Denver 100, Atlanta 90; Boston 107, Utah 102; and Sacramento 105, L.A. Clippers 99.**



Chicago Bulls' Lou Deng (9) shoots while teammate Joakim Noah (13) and Washington Wizards' Josh Howard, back left, look on during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Washington, Monday, Feb. 28, 2011. The Bulls won 105-77.

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## NHL Roundup

# Miller scores twice, Red Wings blast Kings 7-4

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Drew Miller scored twice and Darren Helm added a short-handed goal in the third period as the Detroit Red Wings earned their sixth straight road victory, 7-4 over the Los Angeles Kings on Monday night.

Pavel Datsyuk, Danny Cleary, Jiri Hudler and captain Nicklas Lidstrom also scored for the Red Wings, who pulled within three points of Western Conference-leading Vancouver with their second straight road win after back-to-back home losses.

Jimmy Howard made 32 saves as the Red Wings pulled away with seven consecutive goals, including three in the first period.

Michal Handzus scored in the opening minutes for the Kings, who didn't score again until captain Dustin Brown's goal cut Detroit's lead to five goals with 7:34 to play.

Blackhawks 4, Wild 2

At St. Paul, Patrick Sharp and Jonathan Toews each scored in the second period to help



Detroit Red Wings left wing Drew Miller, left, gets the puck by Los Angeles Kings goalie Jonathan Quick, right, for a goal during the third period of their NHL hockey game, Monday, Feb. 28, 2011, in Los Angeles. The Red Wings won 7-4.

*Associated Press*

Chicago stretch its winning streak to a season-high five games.

Tomas Kopecky also scored in the second, Marian Hossa sealed it with a short-handed goal with 1:52 left, and the surging Blackhawks crept a little bit closer to last year's Stanley Cup championship form.

The Wild paid for a flat first two periods and lost to one of their primary competitors in the crowded Western Conference race. They're in the constantly changing final playoff spot with 72 points, and the Blackhawks barged into sixth place with 74 points. Martin Havlat and Brent Burns scored for the Wild. □



San Jose Sharks goalie Antti Niemi waits during a timeout in the second period of an NHL hockey game against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh, Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011. The Sharks won 3-2 in overtime.

*Associated Press*

## Sharks sign Antti Niemi to 4-yr. deal

JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

SAN JOSE, California (AP) — The San Jose Sharks have signed goaltender Antti Niemi to a \$15.2 million, four-year contract extension.

The team announced the deal Tuesday. Niemi signed a \$2 million, one-year deal with the Sharks this summer, just months after knocking them out of the playoffs and helping the Chicago Blackhawks win

the Stanley Cup.

After a somewhat slow start to the season, Niemi is a major reason for the Sharks' turnaround in recent weeks that has moved them to the top of the Pacific Division standings.

The 27-year-old Niemi has started the past 18 games with Antero Niittymaki injured. He is 14-2-1 with a 1.91 goals against average and .934 save percentage in that span. □



Greg Anderson, former trainer of baseball player Barry Bonds, arrives at federal court in San Francisco, Tuesday, March 1, 2011. Anderson is set to appear before a federal judge to reiterate his refusal to testify against the slugger during Bonds' perjury trial scheduled to start March 21.

*Associated Press*

## Bonds' perjury trial taking shape

PAUL ELIAS

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds' former personal trainer is facing prison and a judge admitted a trove of evidence while the admissibility of still more hangs in the balance after a pivotal hearing in federal court Tuesday, three weeks before the trial is scheduled to start.

Bonds also renewed his not guilty plea, which was made necessary when prosecutors revised the charges for the third time since the initial indictment was unsealed in November 2007. Bonds is charged with four counts of making false statements to a grand jury and one count of obstruction of justice. There was little doubt what Bonds' plea was going to be Tuesday and that the case was going to trial March 21 after Bonds' legal team and prosecutors last month told U.S. District Judge Susan Illston that there was little chance of a plea agreement.

Likewise, there was no doubt that Bonds' former personal trainer, Greg Anderson, would tell the judge Tuesday that he has no intention of taking the stand as a government witness during the trial. Anderson made a similar pledge in 2009 before Bonds' trial was put on hold until a government appeal was resolved in Bonds' favor.

Anderson has previously spent more than a year in prison on contempt charges after refusing to testify before the grand jury investigating Bonds.

The judge said that prosecutors and Bonds' legal team both want Anderson to testify. She said his testimony would spare his former clients, including several retired major league players, from being called to the witness stand to discuss how he supplied them with steroids. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Nedrow said he wants to use that evidence to support their position that Bonds was lying when he claimed "he was unwittingly duped by Mr. Anderson" into believing he was taking legal supplements.

"Much of that testimony would be unnecessary" if he testified, Illston told Anderson.

Illston then told Anderson that she planned to find him in contempt of court and will order him jailed during the duration of the trial, which is expected to last at least two weeks. Anderson simply nodded his head when the judge asked if he intended to follow through on his vow of silence. □



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# Kaymer reaches the top with wins, not questions

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

MARANA, Arizona (AP) — Four years ago in another desert, caddie Fanny Sunesson was sitting near the putting green at Big-horn Golf Club waiting for her work day to start when she mentioned her part-time job with the Germany team.

Bernhard Langer was approaching 50. There was no heir apparent in German golf. Sunesson, filling in for Michelle Wie at the time, mentioned one young prospect with natural skill and amazing poise who had recently turned pro. His name was Martin Kaymer. "Didn't I tell you to remember his name?" she asked playfully from behind the 10th green last Saturday at Dove Mountain, where she watched Kaymer dispose of another opponent in the Match Play Championship on his way to becoming No. 1 in the world.

Stardom came faster for Kaymer than it has for any player this side of Tiger Woods. And there were early signs of greatness, even if not as many people were paying attention.

Kaymer shot 59 on a mini-tour in Europe, a magic number at any level. He earned his European Tour

card without going to Q-school, then was rookie of the year. After winning his first European Tour event in 2008 at Abu Dhabi, he threw down a birdie-birdie-eagle finish in Dubai to finish one shot behind Woods. Ernie Els wasn't kidding three years ago when he said of Kaymer, "He's going to be something, I promise you."

Kaymer officially took over as No. 1 in the world on Monday. How long he stays at the top remains to be seen, for Lee Westwood will have a chance to take it back this week at the Honda Classic.

This time, however, this is no debate over No. 1.

Despite critics of the world ranking system — most of them in the United States — Westwood earned his No. 1 ranking. Although he has not won a major, no one performed better and more consistently in the biggest tournaments over the two-year period that the ranking uses to measure players around the world.

So why the debate?

Westwood had only three wins during those years. One was the St. Jude Classic, a middle-tier event on the U.S. PGA Tour, and only because Robert Garrigus made triple bogey on

the 18th hole. Adding to the skepticism, Westwood was home in England the day he reached No. 1, clinched when Kaymer didn't finish in the top two that week at the Andalucia Masters.

Kaymer's rise to the top was far more active.

The 26-year-old German has won seven times over the last two years. He won a major with the kind of shots that suggest the U.S. PGA Championship won't be his last one. Kaymer holed a 15-foot par putt on the last hole that got him into a playoff. After Bubba Watson birdied the first of a three-hole playoff, Kaymer answered with a birdie on the toughest par 3 at Whistling Straits.

That was the start of three straight wins.

There already is a mystique about the "Germanator," who has no glaring weakness and is determined to fix the flaws only he can see. When Europe's best — not to mention Phil Mickelson — gathered at the Abu Dhabi Championship, Kaymer beat the strongest field on the European Tour by eight shots.

And when Westwood was bounced out of the second round of the Match Play Championship, it opened up an opportunity for Kay-



Martin Kaymer, of Germany, hits an approach shot on the first fairway while playing Luke Donald in the final of the Match Play Championship golf tournament Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, in Marana, Ariz.

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mer to reach No. 1 if he could get to the final.

He rallied over the final six holes to beat Hunter Mahan in the third round. He hit hybrid onto the 18th green to secure par and beat Miguel Angel Jimenez in the quarterfinal, then calmly holed an 8-foot par on the 18th hole to beat Watson in the semifinal.

For sure, Kaymer did not back his way into No. 1. It would have been even sweeter to win a World Golf Championship on his way to No. 1.

But that wasn't necessary.

There should be no argument about it. For now — and perhaps for awhile — Kaymer is the guy to beat, although the ranking is so volatile that a half-dozen players could be No. 1 when the Masters rolls around. Woods has slipped to No. 5, his lowest ranking since the week before he won the 1997 Masters. Kaymer might be a solid No. 2 if not for Woods' free fall, first with his personal life and then with his golf swing. Kaymer's average in the world ranking is 8.36. □



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# As the Duke is remembered, another era begins

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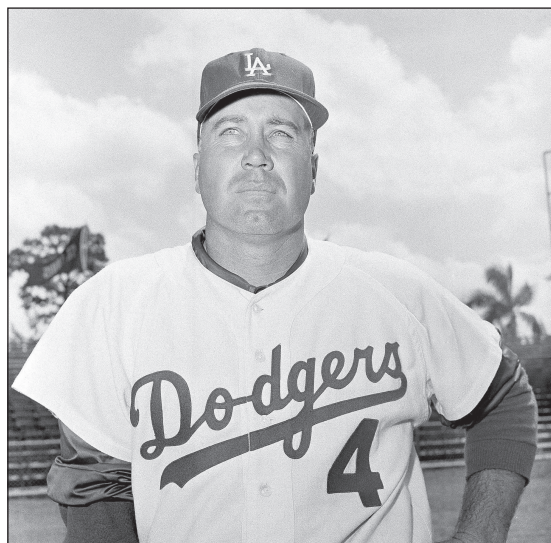
AP Sports Columnist

He was one of the greats of one of baseball's greatest eras, when the game was America's only real pastime and a trio of players who would later be memorialized in song patrolled center field in New York's iconic ballparks.

Duke Snider died on Sunday, a day before baseball's newest whiz kid got his first official at bat in an exhibition game in Florida. Bryce Harper will probably never have a song written about him, but the 18-year-old's debut for the Washington Nationals was a reminder that even as baseball looks to its past there's always a prospect for the future.

The Duke of Flatbush never really got his due, largely because at the same time he slugged home runs for the Brooklyn Dodgers, Willie Mays was in center field for the New York Giants and Mickey Mantle played for the Yankees. He always seemed to end up third in his own town, and that didn't change when the 1980s song "Talkin' Baseball" paid homage to "Willie, Mickey, and the Duke."

Snider hit at least 40 home runs in five straight seasons,



**In this photo from about 1950, Brooklyn Dodgers' Duke Snider, left, bats in a baseball game. Snider, 84, died early Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, of what the family called natural causes at the Valle Vista Convalescent Hospital in Escondido, Calif. Snider was part of the charmed "Boys of Summer" with the Dodgers in the late 1940s and 1950s. He helped lead Brooklyn to its only World Series championship in 1955; and Washington Nationals' Bryce Harper, right, is seen in the dugout at the start of a spring training baseball game against the New York Mets Monday, Feb. 28, 2011, in Port St. Lucie, Fla. The 18-year-old got into the game as a pinch runner in the fifth inning.**



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played in six World Series and was an eight-time All-Star. But he never won an MVP, and it took 11 years after he was eligible before he was finally elected into the Hall of Fame.

But it wasn't his stats that endeared him so much to the people of Brooklyn. It was that he was a part of his adopted community in a way that ballplayers of today can never be.

In all the tributes that came

pouring in on the news of Snider's death, one from White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf stood out.

"Along with hundreds of thousands of other kids growing up in Brooklyn, Duke Snider was one of my idols. He really was one of us," Reinsdorf said. "As a 21-year-old rookie, he lived on my block and often would join us in games of stickball on his way home from his day job as the Dodgers center fielder."

To understand how big that was is to understand the 1950s, a time before the NFL hit its stride and baseball was everything to a nation. New York was the epicenter of it all with three teams that always seemed to be battling each other either for a pennant or the World Series.

It was a time when winning the most valuable player award got you a new suit at the local tailor instead of a \$500,000 bonus, a time when

players worked other jobs in the offseason and Mays and Giants teammate Monte Irvin owned a liquor store to bring in some extra money. Players lived near where they worked, often sharing apartments in the same working-class buildings as their fans.

"I was born in Los Angeles," Snider once said. "Baseball-wise, I was born in Brooklyn. We lived with Brooklyn. We died with Brooklyn."

When Snider hit four home runs in the 1955 World Series to help the Dodgers finally beat the Yankees and win their first title, the borough of Brooklyn celebrated like there was no tomorrow — not knowing that just in a few years there wouldn't be when the Dodgers left town.

The year before, the Giants and Dodgers were battling for the pennant in the dog days of summer and both Snider and Mays hit home runs in a Sunday afternoon game at Ebbets Field the Dodgers won 9-4 to complete a three-game sweep and move to within a half game of first. A New York Daily News photo from that game shows Mays leaping high in the air in front of the exit gate in right center field to grab a Snider blast. □

# 'Nisei Jackie Robinson' dies at age 85

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AP Sports Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — Wally Kaname Yonamine, the first American to play professional baseball in Japan after World War II and a former running back with the San Francisco 49ers, has died. He was 85.

His son, Paul Yonamine, told The Associated Press that two-sport standout died Monday night at a Honolulu retirement home after a bout with prostate cancer.

"Most people remember him for his accomplishments on the diamond, but our family, we have a great deal of respect for him for what he's done off the diamond," Paul Yonamine said in a telephone interview Tuesday. "One hell of a guy."

The outfielder was known as the "Nisei Jackie Robinson" for breaking into Japanese baseball and building ties between the countries in a highly sensitive period after World War II. Facing a language barrier, he was sometimes met with hostility, including rock throwing, for being an American and his aggressive style of play.

The Maui-born Yonamine is considered one of the greatest athletes to come out of Hawaii.

"He was in Japan for a really long time, but he al-

ways stayed Hawaii," Paul Yonamine said. "He was always a local boy. Along with it, a lot of great values of Hawaii that he was able to share in Japan."

He played pro football for the 49ers in their second season in 1947, three years before the team joined the NFL.

Yonamine, who signed a two-year deal worth \$14,000, is believed to be the first player of Japanese ancestry to play pro football. But he was released after one season after an injury.

"He was an outsider with the 49ers and he moved to Japan and became an outsider for the opposite reason — because he was American as opposed to being Asian," said author Robert K. Fitts, who wrote Yonamine's biography released in 2008 titled "Wally Yonamine: The Man Who Changed Japanese Baseball." "So he got used to being on the outside and having to deal with that the whole time," Fitts said. "There was a great deal of prejudice in both places toward him. But he managed to not let it get under his skin like most people would."

He returned to baseball and played in the Pacific Coast League before heading to Japan at the age of 26 in 1951.

Yonamine played for the Yomiuri Giants and the

Chunichi Dragons, helping transform how the game was played in Japan where it was a more passive style of game then with no players sliding hard into second to break up a double play like Yonamine did in his first game to the shock of the fans.

"Wally is credited with introducing American-style baseball, a hard-nosed Pete Rose-style of baseball to Japan," Fitts said. "The change wasn't overnight. He was very unpopular at first. He was really booed and had rocks thrown at him. A lot of that was his play and not because he was an American. But the players saw quickly that was the way to win."

"The Japanese became a lot more aggressive and they hired a lot more Americans because of him." With a .311 career batting average, the 11-time All-Star won three batting titles and was the 1957 Central League MVP before serving decades as a manager and being inducted to the Hall of Fame in 1994. In 1954, Yonamine became the first foreigner to win the Central League batting crown with a .361 average. He also led the league in hits, doubles and runs scored. Two decades years later, Yonamine became the first foreign manager to win the Central League title with his Dragons beating the powerhouse Giants, his former team. □



# Palestinians try to create 'Facebook revolution'

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GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)

— The mass demonstrations sweeping the Middle East are touching the Palestinian territories, where West Bank and Gaza Strip activists are trying to organize their own “Facebook revolutions.”

The Palestinian activists are inspired by the calls for democracy that toppled autocratic leaders in Egypt and Tunisia and threaten longtime rulers in Libya and Bahrain.

In recent weeks, activists using Facebook have brought hundreds of people onto streets of the West Bank, waving Palestinian flags and calling for change. Smaller gatherings have taken place in Gaza. The protesters hope to stage a massive demonstration in both areas on March 15.

Whether they can succeed is far from certain because of the

unique situation of the Palestinians. In contrast to countries where crowds have rallied against a single, despised leader, the Palestinians face a series of intertwined problems, making it harder to rally around a common cause.

Palestinians seek an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza, areas wedged on different sides of Israel and ruled by rival governments. The Western-backed Palestinian Authority governs in the West Bank, where Israel's military still retains overall control. The militant Islamic group Hamas has ruled Gaza since 2007. The Palestinian split has crippled efforts to negotiate an independent state from Israel. Repeated efforts to reconcile, including a Palestinian Authority proposal to hold new elections, have foundered. The Facebook activists have divisions of their own. Some want the rival Palestinian governments



**Palestinian supporters of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) rally in the West Bank city of Nablus, Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011 to celebrate the 41st anniversary of the political party. The U.S. consulate in Jerusalem restricted personal travel for staff members in some areas of the West Bank on Saturday, a day after the Obama administration vetoed a U.N. resolution that would have condemned Israel. At the same time, Palestinians demonstrated against the U.S. for vetoing the Arab-backed Security Council resolution draft.**

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to reconcile. Others demand they resign. Still others want to demonstrate against Israel's

occupation.

Activist Hasan Farahat, 22, said there was enough common ground. “Everybody is sick of the situation. We want work, we want the right to speak freely. We want freedom,” he said. The governments see even the smallest demonstrations as a challenge to their rule. On Monday, Hamas moved swiftly to break up a small demonstration in Gaza City where people called for Palestinian reconciliation. Hamas police arrested a protest organizer, seizing a tape from a German TV crew showing a security official slapping the man.

In previous protest attempts, Hamas security arrested activists and seized their phones and computers, according to the Gaza-based Palestinian Center for Human Rights.

The West Bank has seen about a dozen demonstrations, including two in Ramallah, where some 2,000 Palestinians demanded reconciliation. Others urged leaders to revoke interim peace agreements with Israel.

Palestinian Authority security forces initially broke up protests by beating participants. Now, organizers are threatened and sometimes arrested, they said. □

## Laptop tracks gaze, taking eye-tracking out of lab

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Ever wish your eyes were lasers? A laptop prototype brings that wish closer to reality.

It tracks your gaze and figures out where you're looking on the screen.

That means, among other things, that you can play a game where you burn up incoming asteroids with a laser that hits where you look. In another demonstration this week, the computer scrolled a text on the screen in response to eye movements, sensing when the reader reached the end of the visible text. In the future, a laptop like this could make the mouse cursor appear where you're looking, or make a game character maintain eye contact with you, according to Tobii Technology Inc., the Swedish firm that's behind the tracking technology. The eye tracker works by shining



**Barbara Barclay of Tobii Technology, Inc. demonstrates a prototype laptop that tracks and can be controlled by the eye movements of the user in New York, Monday, Feb. 28, 2011.**

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two invisible infrared lights at you. Two hidden cameras then look for the “glints” off your eyeballs and reflections from each retina. It needs to be calibrated for each person. It works for people with or without eyeglasses.

Rather than a replacement

for the traditional mouse and keyboard or the newer touch screen, the eye-tracking could be a complement, making a computer faster and more efficient to use, said Barbara Barclay, general manager of Tobii's Analysis Solutions business. □

## Google: Storage software update led to e-mail bug

NEW YORK (AP) — Google says an update to e-mail storage software led to an unexpected bug Sunday that left tens of thousands of Gmail users without access to their messages. Google Inc. said in a blog post late Monday night that e-mails were never actually lost, and it has restored access to many people who were affected.

Google says about 0.02 percent of Gmail users encountered the problem, or two out of 10,000. Gmail has hundreds of millions of users worldwide.

Google says it backs up users' information on tape. Since tapes are offline, they are protected from such software bugs. Google vice president of engineering and site reliability chief, Ben Treynor, says Google is “sorry again for the scare.” □





## U.S. auto sales jump 20 percent in February

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DETROIT (AP) — As more U.S. buyers head back into auto dealerships, automakers are jostling for their attention with sweetened deals. The major automakers knocked a little extra off sticker prices in February, giving additional momentum to a recovery in sales that started last year. The good news for buyers is that discounts are likely to continue into the spring, as older models like the Toyota Corolla and Chevrolet Malibu duke it out with newer models like the Ford Focus and Hyundai Elantra. “Sales rates are starting to exceed expectations. It’s an opportunity to grab sales from others if you’re aggressive enough and you have the right product,” said Jesse Toprak, vice president of industry analysis at auto pricing site TrueCar.com.

All the major car companies reported double-digit gains for last month. Improving economic conditions and consumer confidence could mean more gains in the months ahead. But automakers’ results came on a day when oil again approached \$100 per barrel on continued unrest in the Arab world. Rising oil prices could still put a damper on the industry’s recovery, GM CEO Dan Akerson cautioned on the sidelines of the Geneva Auto Show. “I don’t think the industry learned a lot of lessons from 2008. They will this time around,” Akerson said of the 2008 spike in U.S. gas prices to above \$4 per gallon (3.79 liters), which rapidly changed buying habits. □



## U.S. says China’s Baidu, Taobao markets for piracy

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BEIJING (AP) — The U.S. government has labeled China’s top search engine, Baidu, and a popular e-commerce platform “notorious markets” linked to sales of pirated and fake goods.

The two companies were among 33 websites or public markets in China, Russia, India and other countries that the U.S. Trade Representative’s office said Monday facilitate trade in music, clothing and other goods that are fake or unauthorized copies. China is a leading source of fake and counterfeit goods despite repeated government crackdowns. Beijing launched its latest enforcement effort in October and says it hopes to achieve lasting results.

The USTR report said Baidu links to websites that sell pirated or counterfeit goods while outside merchants use Taobao, an e-commerce platform operated by Alibaba Group Ltd., to sell infringing items. It said the list was not a legal finding but an effort



In this file photo taken Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010, Robin Li, Baidu’s chairman and chief executive officer, introduces the company’s popular Internet search engine while delivering his speech at the Baidu Technology Innovation Conference in Beijing, China. The U.S. government has labeled China’s top search engine, Baidu, and a popular e-commerce platform “notorious markets” linked to sales of pirated and fake goods.

to call attention to abuses and encourage governments to stop them. The outlets cited “exemplify the problem of marketplaces dealing in infringing goods and helping to sustain global piracy and coun-

terfeiting,” the report said. “The United States urges the responsible authorities to intensify efforts to combat piracy and counterfeiting in these and similar markets.” The report said Taobao is making “significant efforts” to address

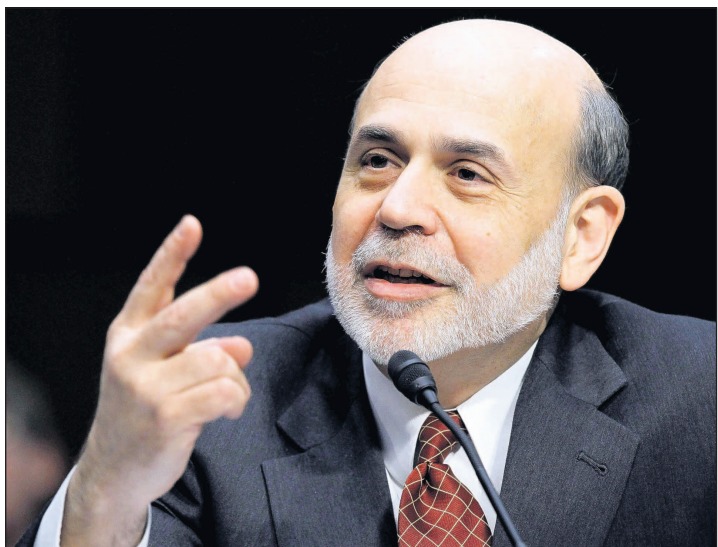
piracy but “still has a long way to go in order to resolve those problems.” Alibaba said last month its chief executive and chief operating officers resigned to take responsibility after a probe found suppliers defrauded customers. It

said 100 salespeople, out of a workforce of 14,000, allegedly involved in defrauding customers were fired. In a written statement, an Alibaba spokesman, John Spelich, said: “We appreciate the USTR’s acknowledgment of our ongoing efforts to work with brand owners in protecting their intellectual property rights and we will continue to work closely with brand owners and others to further enhance the level of trust and integrity in our online marketplaces for the benefit of all our stakeholders.” A Baidu spokesman, Kaiser Kuo, declined to comment. Other websites cited by the report include Canada-based IsoHunt, Russia-based Rutracker, China’s 91.com and Demonoid in Ukraine. It cited public markets in China, Ecuador, Paraguay, Indonesia, Ukraine, India and Argentina. The report said the economy of a whole city in Paraguay, Ciudad del Este, is “based in part on the trafficking of counterfeit and infringed goods,” especially electronics. □

## Oil prices jump on Middle East, Bernanke comments

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NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices climbed Tuesday as Iran clamped down on anti-government protesters and unrest in the Middle East threatened to keep energy prices high for months to come. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate for April delivery gained \$2.66 to settle at \$99.63 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent crude gained \$3.62 to settle at \$115.42 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange. The recent surge in oil has pushed up gasoline prices in the U.S. by nearly 20 cents per gallon in the past week. That’s the sharpest increase since September 2008, when Hurricane Ike shut down Gulf Coast refineries, according to the Oil Price Information Service. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina sent prices soaring about 45 cents per gallon in one week.

Oil prices surged 13 percent last week, peaking above \$100 per barrel, as Libyan protesters expanded their control over the country. While the Libyan uprising continued Tuesday, news agencies reported that Iranian authorities imprisoned opposition leaders in Tehran. Iranian authorities denied the reports. Pro-reform groups have



Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke talks about cuts as he gives the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress while testifying before the Senate Banking Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

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clashed with the Iranian government. Jailing opposition leaders would be a major escalation of the country’s political crisis. Iran exports about 2.5 million barrels of oil and natural gas liquids per day, about 3 percent of global demand. The Iran protests are among the latest uprisings that have churned through North Africa and the Middle East, a crucial region that’s responsible for most of the world’s crude exports. Analysts say it’s impossible to say how long it will take for uprisings to play out, but energy markets likely will be on edge through the summer. Analysts added that they’re still concerned about unrest in Algeria, which produces 1.8 million barrels per day, as well as increasing threats facing Iraq’s oil supplies. Militants set off bombs in an attack on Iraq’s largest refinery over the weekend. The unrest which has forced oil companies in Libya to evacuate workers and shut down production operations has so far not had a major impact on world petroleum supplies, as refineries turn to other countries for oil including Saudi Arabia, which can crank up its production by another 5 million barrels per day. □



In this Jan. 3, 2009 file photo, Rajat Kumar Gupta, Chairman of Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, listens to a statement, during a session at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

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## Ex-Goldman director charged with insider trading

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators have charged a former Goldman Sachs board member with insider trading, saying he gave confidential information to the key figure in what prosecutors call the largest hedge fund insider-trading probe ever. The Securities and Exchange Commission announced the civil charges against Rajat Gupta on Tuesday. The SEC said Gupta told Raj Rajaratnam, founder of the Galleon Group hedge fund, that Warren Buffett’s Berkshire Hathaway planned to invest \$5 billion in Goldman before it was publicly announced at the height of the financial crisis. Gupta also is charged with giving Rajaratnam confidential earnings information from Goldman and

Procter & Gamble. Gupta served on Goldman’s board from 2006 until last May. He was a P&G board member from 2007 until resigning Tuesday, after the charges were announced. Gupta was an investor in some of the Galleon hedge funds when he passed the information along, and he had other business interests with Rajaratnam, the SEC said. Rajaratnam used the information from Gupta to illegally profit in hedge fund trades, the SEC said. Prosecutors have said Rajaratnam generated profits of more than \$50 million after getting inside information about public companies’ earnings and plans for mergers and acquisitions. The information on Goldman made Rajaratnam’s funds \$17 million richer, the SEC said. The P&G data created illegal profits of more than \$570,000 for Galleon funds managed by others, the SEC said.

“Gupta was honored with the highest trust of leading public companies, and he betrayed that trust by disclosing their most sensitive and valuable secrets,” SEC Enforcement Director Robert Khuzami said. Gupta’s attorney, Gary Naftalis, called the allegations “totally baseless.” Naftalis noted that the SEC isn’t accusing Gupta of trading in the stocks of the companies himself or sharing profits with Rajaratnam on the trades. Gupta actually lost his \$10 million investment in a hedge fund managed by Rajaratnam at the time he allegedly passed on the information, Naftalis said. The SEC’s complaint lays out, in moment-to-moment details, its allegations of how the insider trading occurred. It notes how often the two men spoke in September 2008, when Goldman was negotiating a deal with Buffett’s investment firm. □

## Latest airfare hike cut in half

DALLAS – The most recent fare hike by U.S. airlines has been cut in half by pressure from discount carriers. Last week the big network carriers including United, Continental, Delta and American raised many domestic fares by \$20 a round trip. By Monday afternoon, the increase had been cut to \$10. The airlines have already attempted five broad-based price increases this year, with most of them sticking. They have also twice imposed bigger increases — up to \$60 a round trip — on high-priced tickets favored by business

travelers. A third attempt to raise business fares failed. Rick Seane, CEO of website FareCompare.com, said the most recent rollback occurred after low-fare airlines Southwest, JetBlue, AirTran and Frontier began raising fares only half as much as the larger carriers. He said the network airlines then cut their increases in half to avoid charging more than their low-fare competitors. Seane said U.S. airlines will continue to test price increases in coming weeks to see how much travelers will tolerate. Some analysts believe

airlines will drive customers away if they raise prices on leisure fares any higher. Even when airlines offer sales the prices are higher than a year ago. Tom Parsons, CEO of Bestfares.com, said Southwest raised its lowest sale price on short trips by \$5 each way. Parsons also said airlines raised fuel surcharges on flights between the U.S. and Europe to \$400 a round trip from \$360. He said an advance-purchase ticket for travel between New York and Paris in late March cost \$225, but the surcharge nearly tripled the cost of the trip. □



## Christian Dior firing designer John Galliano

PARIS — Christian Dior says it's firing designer John Galliano after an online video showed him praising Adolf Hitler a bombshell certain to rock fashion's elite world as the latest Paris ready-to-wear shows begin.

The French fashion house showed the famed British designer the door following a string of accusations of racist and anti-Semitic rants against patrons of at least one trendy Paris cafe.

Galliano's ouster raises questions about where Dior will turn for direction next, and the mental state of one of the world's top talents in an intensely creative and high-pressure industry.

Dior said it has launched layoff proceedings for Galliano, just days after he was suspended as its creative director pending an investigation into an alleged anti-Semitic incident in a Paris cafe last week.

On Monday, a video posted online showed Galliano drunkenly telling a cafe patron "I love Hitler" in a different incident. Christian Dior's response was severe, chastising "the particularly odious nature of the behavior and words" of Galliano in the video. Galliano's lawyer did



John Galliano

not immediately return calls seeking comment.

As Paris launched its 2011-2012 fall-winter ready-to-wear shows, Jessica Michault, fashion critic for the International Herald Tribune newspaper, said Galliano has "a long hard road in front of him" if he is ever to rebound. She recalled the shock waves that resonated through the industry after photos of supermodel Kate Moss snorting cocaine emerged in 2005.

"He has to do what Kate Moss did go out there and do a mea culpa," she said. "That said, people in this industry are not going to be as forgiving for anti-Semitic and racist remarks as they were about drug abuse."

Michault expected the case would amount to "a minor speed bump" for Dior, calling it "a house that has a long and illustrious history, and (is) stronger than any one designer." Dior had come under international pressure after Oscar-winning actress Natalie Portman, one of the company's spokesmodels, said in a statement she "will not be associated with Mr. Galliano in any way."

The house is scheduled to present its fall-winter 2011-2012 ready-to-wear show on Friday. Galliano was also scheduled to present his own signature line on Sunday.

Marcellous Jones, editor-in-chief of thefashioninsider.com magazine, said he was "really surprised that Dior actually had the conviction to fire John Galliano because he makes them a lot of money." "I think we were all expecting them to send him to rehab and so they are actually firing him. It's a bold move," he said. □

## Pin-up girl of '40s and '50s, dies

LOS ANGELES — She was the voluptuous pin-up girl who set a million male hearts to pounding during World War II, the favorite movie star of a generation of young men long before she'd made a movie more than a handful of them had ever seen.

Such was the stunning beauty of Jane Russell, and the marketing skills of the man who discovered her, the eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes. Russell, surrounded by family members, died Monday at her home in the central coast city of Santa Maria.

Her death from respiratory failure came 70 years after Hughes had put her on the path to stardom with his controversial Western "The Outlaw." She was 89.

Although she had all but abandoned Hollywood after the 1960s for a quieter life, her daughter-in-law Etta Waterfield said Russell remained active until just a few weeks ago when her health began to fail.

Until then, she was active with her church, charities that were close to her heart and as

## Christina Aguilera

## Arrested for drunkenness

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Christina Aguilera has been released from jail after being arrested for being drunk in public, and authorities don't plan to seek criminal charges.

Los Angeles County sheriff's Deputy Bill McSweeney says the 30-year-old singer was in a car driven by her boyfriend that was stopped on a West Hollywood street at about 2:45 a.m.

Twenty-five-year-old Matthew Rutler was booked on suspicion of driving under the influence. He remains jailed on \$30,000 bail.

McSweeney says Aguilera appeared extremely intoxicated and incapable of driving home, so she was taken to the



Christina Aguilera

West Hollywood sheriff's station and held until she sobered up.

McSweeney says Aguilera was released out a back gate around 7:30 a.m., avoiding paparazzi at the front.

Calls to her agent and publicist weren't returned. □

## Portman 'disgusted' by Galliano's remarks

PARIS — Oscar-winning actress Natalie Portman says she is "shocked and disgusted" by a video in which designer John Galliano says he loves Adolf Hitler.

Portman says in a statement that "as an individual who is proud to be Jewish, I will not be associated with Mr. Galliano in any way."

Both stars work with Christian Dior. Portman is spokesmodel for Miss Dior

Cherie perfume. Galliano has been suspended as Dior's creative director pending an investigation into an alleged anti-Semitic incident in a Paris cafe last week.

Portman's statement was provided to The Associated Press after a video posted online showed Galliano, in a different incident, drunkenly telling a cafe patron, "I love Hitler."

Portman won the best actress Oscar on Sunday for "Black Swan." □



Natalie Portman



Jane Russell

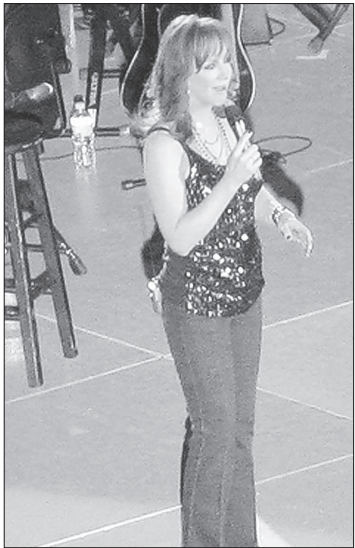
film studio and signed her to a 20-year contract that paid her \$1,000 a week.

By the time she made her third film, the rollicking comedy-western "The Paleface," in which she played tough-but-sexy Calamity Jane to Bob Hope's cowardly dentist sidekick, she was a star.

She went on to appear in a series of potboilers for RKO, including "His Kind of Woman" (with Robert Mitchum), "Double Dynamite" (Frank Sinatra, Groucho Marx), "The Las Vegas Story" (Victor Mature) and "Macao" (Mitchum again). □



# Reba McEntire Inducted into Country Music Hall of Fame



Reba McEntire

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Reba McEntire's career resume has a little bit of everything: Songbird, actress, entrepreneur, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Add another: Country Music Hall of Fame member. Songwriter Bobby Braddock and another pioneering female singer, Jean Shepard, join McEntire as the hall's newest members. The 2011 inductees were introduced morning at a news conference at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. McEntire is an enduring icon who is more popular than ever after three dozen years in the business. The 55-year-old was declared country music's top female hitmaker long ago and remains a dynamo, selling more than 55 million albums and recently scoring her 35th No. 1 hit.

The fiery redhead has carved out an enviable and unique career that goes far beyond music. She's had her own television show. She stormed Broadway in "Annie Get Your Gun." And she is a role model as both an artist and a businesswoman for a wave of young female stars who are following the example she set in a career defined by hard work and an independent streak.

Shepard, known as "The Grand Lady of The Grand Ole Opry" as she enters her 56th year on the show, helped clear the way for McEntire and country music's other top female stars with a pioneering career that stretches back to the 1940s. She paired with fellow Hall of Fame member Ferlin Husky in 1953 on "A Dear John Letter," her first No. 1 country hit. The song went to No. 4 on the Billboard pop chart and made her the first million-selling female artist in the post-World War II era.

The 77-year-old was an early archetype for women in country music, choosing to tour as a solo act rather than as part of a group and presenting a strong female point of view on songs like "Twice the Lovin' in Half the Time" and "The Root of All Evil (Is a Man)" that influenced such key figures in country music as Loretta Lynn. □

# Charlie Sheen: 'My efforts' helped get pay for 'Men' crew

LOS ANGELES — Charlie Sheen is not done talking. Amid high-profile interviews Monday that managed to upstage post-Oscars buzz, the "Two and a Half Men" star showed no signs of slowing his media blitz against the producers of his top-rated television comedy.

Television crews came and went from the actor's hilltop home which he dubbed "Sober Valley Lodge" the setting for segments scheduled to air on "Access Hollywood" and NBC's "Today" show.

Sheen told The Associated Press he wasn't satisfied with an agreement by Warner Bros. Television to pay the "Men" crew for only half of the eight episodes canceled when producers tired of their star's off-screen antics.

He called it "a start" and said his efforts "are paying off," but declared: "I won't sleep until I get all eight. I don't care about me right now."

He told the AP he planned to keep up his media blitz until the show's crew was paid for the rest of this season's shows. He also said getting compensation for series co-stars Jon Cryer and Angus T. Jones was "next" on his to-do list.

Warner Bros. denied that anything Sheen had done which included threatening to sue the show's producers and extolling the virtues of his hard-partying ways contributed to the decision to pay the crew.



Charlie Sheen

"False," said studio spokesman Paul McGuire.

Sheen's media appearances Monday included dueling morning show interviews with "Today" and "Good Morning America," a midday sit-down with celebrity website TMZ that was streamed online, and an evening chitchat with CNN's Piers Morgan.

Through it all, Sheen insisted that he was fine and trying to put back together the pieces of his show. "I'm on a mission right now," Sheen told Morgan. "It's an operation right now to right some terrible wrongs." Sheen was scheduled Tuesday to appear on ABC's "20/20," an interview that days ago the network considered an exclusive.

He has denied he was using drugs and produced a clean screening handled by celebrity website RadarOnline.com to bolster his case. He also rejected the notion that he was an addict, or that convention-

al rehabilitation treatments would work on him.

"I am on a drug," Sheen told ABC. "It's called Charlie Sheen. It's not available because if you try it, you will die. Your face will melt off, and your children will weep over your exploded body." Sheen's comments appeared to be alienating many of those around him, including the Hollywood honchos who sign his \$1.8 million-per-episode paychecks, his co-stars and even his fans.

"The more he does, the more insane he looks," said Michele Cohen, a technical editor from Cary, N.C., an occasional viewer of the CBS sitcom who has been watching the offstage drama with interest.

Sheen, 45, told Morgan that he hasn't gotten support from his co-stars, or his father, actor Martin Sheen. Nor has he spoken to the producers of "Men," whom he has repeatedly derided. □

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# Public Party Health - By: Dr. Carlos Viana

We are currently involved with a movement that is more than a harmless symbolic party in the streets. Anthropologists and Traditional Chinese Medical physicians know that people, as part of nature, are influenced by a surge of hormones that takes place in all animals this time of the year. Hormones, which if we do not learn to live with will have us, do things that we cannot understand.

Carnival is an annual spring celebration of life found in many countries of the world. By learning about carnival, we can learn more about accepting and understanding other cultures. Like anything in life, by understanding what is going on we can better take care of ourselves.

We can read about the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus as the best historical account of what originally went on during spring rites. The historical record reads that a great number of converts gave in to the free flowing wine. The festivities existed for provoking or exciting lustful, erotic participation among the participants, including all sort of unrestrained self-indulgent sexual behavior.

Here in Aruba we have a saying that says, "What done while drunk does not count"; an unfortunate social excuse for not having to take responsibility

for your actions. Several people partying in the streets will drink themselves to the point of Alcohol Poisoning, which is an acute medical emergency. Passing out is not always just sleeping it off.

How can you tell if someone is about to become a victim of alcohol poisoning and if they are what can you do to help? The signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning is a person who is unconscious or semi-consciousness and has slow respiration (breaths) of eight or less per minute or lapses between breaths of more than eight seconds; often they will have cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin. In the event of alcohol poisoning, this will most likely be accompanied by a strong odor of alcohol.

If you encounter a person who exhibits one or more of the signs and symptoms, CALL 911. While waiting for help to arrive, gently turn the intoxicated person on his/her side and maintain that position by placing a pillow in the small of the person's back.

This is important to prevent aspiration (choking) should the person vomit. Stay with the person until medical help arrives. If a person appears to be "sleeping it off" it is important to realize that even though a person may be semi-conscious, alcohol already in the stomach may continue

to enter the bloodstream and circulate throughout the body. The person's life may still be in danger. If you are having difficulty in determining whether an individual is acutely intoxicated, contact a first aid provider immediately—the victim cannot afford for you to guess.

With all this alcohol and dancing for many it equals sexual activity.

The many underage girls who were impregnated last year during Carnival do have to live with the consequences, as do the "children of children." Besides pregnancies, unprotected sex provides the risk for sexually transmitted diseases. AIDS is still a major public health concern in spite of all the public education campaigns.

While you are partying in the streets, alcohol consumption, dancing and sun adds up to dehydration that has three stages of medical emergency. Dehydration sets in because the alcohol uses much body water and you are also losing much water through perspiration as your body tries to keep cool. Only water or apple juice will replenish your body's water reserves. Fruit juice or carbonated soft drinks do not help any to replenish your body's water. If no water is consumed the dehydration leads to heat cramps where cramping of muscles of the ab-

domen, legs, and arms take place. People with heat cramps are pale, have moist clammy skin, and rapid shallow breathing. There is still time to cool off and drink water to help correct the problem. Unfortunately, if not addressed the last stage of dehydration is a life threatening heat stroke. A victim presents with red flushed skin. The person might or might not be sweating. Their pulse is rapid and as their temperature continues to rise above 105 F degrees they will appear disoriented and confused; before they lose consciousness; throwing water, beer, any cool liquid on them, to cool them down as quickly as possible helps. One afternoon of becoming dehydrated can take weeks to recover.

Do not forget your ears. Some of these music wagons have sound decibels well in the range that causes ear damage. Earplugs, especially for children are a good idea. In your Healthy Carnival Kit, many given out free by public health and local charities, sunscreen should also be included. You know what I think about all the drugs that will be available.

Get The Point! Dancing in the streets with togetherness of those around you can be fun. Leaving work and worries behind can be relaxing, and dancing is great exercise.

Throughout the many weeks of festivities and after the party, we are here to remind you to eat well, which may include at least a natural multi-vitamin or other supplementation for stress and energy.

Be smart and use protection in this time of sexual liberation and above all, stay well hydrated. We are here to help you increase energy, control cravings, and recover safely and as quickly as possible.

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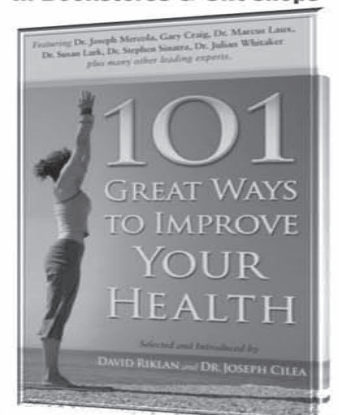


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*Associated Press*

News of the match did not come as a complete surprise, Weller said. A NOAA colleague, geneticist Aimee Lang, studied samples of what were thought to be eastern gray whales collected between 1990 and 2006 off the North America west coast. Two samples that came from whales off California had genetic markers matching two western gray whales, leading Lang to suggest some “dispersal,” or overlap, between the populations. □

## A black and white photograph showing a large white space shuttle being moved by a crawler-transporter. The shuttle is suspended by a crane and is being transported on a multi-axle trailer. Several workers in hard hats are visible on the ground, observing the process. The background shows a hilly landscape and some industrial structures.

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# Presidente chileno reconoce desigualdades en su país

ROMA (AP) - El presidente de Chile, Sebastián Piñera, reconoció como uno de los más graves problemas de su país la desigualdad económica, al intervenir el martes en un encuentro con representantes del mundo empresarial y estudiantes.

“Chile ha logrado avances, pero todavía somos un país subdesarrollado, todavía tenemos un 15% de población viviendo en condiciones de pobreza”, expresó.

“Tenemos niveles de desigualdad que son excesivos y moralmente inaceptables, que es uno de los problemas centrales de nuestra sociedad”, afirmó.

Chile es una sociedad muy desigual y que tiene niveles de pobreza que no se compatibilizan con su nivel de desarrollo, “lo cual estamos enfrentando como gobierno”, expresó el mandatario. De todos modos, se mostró optimista respecto del futuro de Chile.

“Nos hemos fijado la misión de hacer que Chile, antes que termine esta década,

sea el primer país de América Latina que haya podido derrotar la pobreza, superar el subdesarrollo y lo haya hecho en democracia, en paz y con una sociedad inclusiva y capaz de crear oportunidades para todos”, manifestó.

El Producto Interno Bruto (PIB) de Chile creció en los últimos 20 años a un promedio del 5%, pero las previsiones del Fondo Monetario Internacional (FMI) son de más del 5% para el 2010 y del 6% para el 2011, “el valor más alto de América Latina”, puntualizó.

Piñera llegó el martes a Italia, con lo que inició una gira de 10 días que además lo llevará a visitar Israel, los territorios palestinos, Jordania y España. El mandatario chileno se reunirá el miércoles con el presidente de Italia, Giorgio Napolitano, y el primer ministro Silvio Berlusconi, con quien firmará acuerdos de defensa, de cooperación y de políticas ambientales.

Antes de emprender su viaje a Roma, Piñera precisó algunas diferencias de estilo con Berlusconi, quien ha estado invo-



El presidente chileno Sebastián Piñera y su esposa Cecilia caminan por la plaza Navona de Roma, el martes 1 de marzo del 2011 (AP Foto/Andrew Medichini).

lucrado en un escándalo y será procesado por prostitución de una menor, aunque también compartió con el gobernante

las experiencias de ambos como empresarios.

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Benedicto XVI y se entrevistará además con el secretario del Estado Vaticano, cardenal Tarcisio Bertone. □

## Latinoamérica: aumentan voces de condena a Gadafi

LIMA (AP) - Perú rechazó el martes la incursión unilateral de un país en la crisis de Libia y consideró más bien necesaria la intervención del Consejo de Seguridad de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas (ONU).

El canciller peruano José Antonio García Belaunde afirmó que “frente a un caso así, hay que conjugar esfuerzos y creo que fuerzas aisladas, por más potencias que sean, no tendrían el mismo efecto si podemos llegar a medidas coordinadas un buen número de países muy representativos y usar los mecanismos de derecho internacional, las Naciones Unidas”.

Las declaraciones de García se dan en momentos en que se produce el desplazamiento de barcos de guerra estadounidenses a un sector más cercano a Libia, tras una reunión entre el



presidente Barack Obama y el secretario general de la ONU, Ban Ki Moon, y ante la posibilidad de que Estados Unidos intervenga en misiones humanitarias y militares.

“El tema definitivamente es qué puede hacer Naciones Unidas para evitar este derramamiento de sangre. Esto pasa necesariamente por el Consejo

de Seguridad, no podemos esperar ninguna acción unilateral de ningún país, y cualquier decisión en esa materia que implique movimiento de tropas tiene que ser sancionada”, expresó García.

La semana pasada, Perú fue uno de los primeros países del mundo en romper relaciones diplomáticas con Libia en protesta por la violencia ejercida por el líder Moamar Gadafi contra la población.

El presidente salvadoreño Mauricio Funes se sumó el martes a las voces de condena por “la respuesta violenta de Gadafi” y dijo que lamenta “mucho que haya gobiernos que enfrenten el sentimiento de rebeldía innato en los pueblos de la manera como lo ha enfrentado el señor Gadafi”. El mandatario precisó que El Salvador no tiene relaciones diplomáticas con Libia. □

## DEA da golpe a política antidroga en Bolivia

LA PAZ (AP) - La captura de uno de los jefes antidrogas de Bolivia contradice las aseveraciones del gobierno de Evo Morales de que la política antinarco tráfico funciona mejor sin la colaboración de la agencia antidrogas estadounidense (DEA).

El ejecutivo afirma que detrás de la detención el jueves en Panamá del general retirado de la policía René Sanabria, existe una mano negra que quiere empañar el proceso de cambios en Bolivia.

El viceministro de Defensa Social y Sustancias Controladas, Felipe Cáceres, dijo el martes en rueda de prensa que la Agencia Antidrogas estadounidense a la que Morales expulsó en 2008 por supuesto espionaje, operó a espaldas del gobierno con el propósito de dejar “mal parada” a la actual administración.

“No hemos sido comunicados... no tuvimos ninguna información, (y eso) nos extraña”, dijo Cáceres en referencia a la captura de Sanabria, quien hasta ese día dirigía una unidad de inteligencia antidroga del Ministerio de Gobierno.

“Hay una mano negra externa que quiere empañar la gestión del gobierno y este proceso de cambio, pero caiga quien caiga será llevado a la cárcel”, señaló. El ministro de Comunicación, Iván Canelas, dijo el martes que “sin la DEA se ha detenido a grandes narcos y encontrado grandes fabricas de droga”. □



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